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OF THE  
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
KING'S MOUNTAIN  
Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE  
Cherryville Baptist Church  
CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

September 19, 20, 21, and 22  
1901

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past fifty years, by E. Y. Webb

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**Gaston County, N. C.**

*SEPTEMBER, 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd 1901,*

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BRO. E. Y. WEBB.

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### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call to order by the Moderator, if present; if he is not present by the Clerk.
3. Reading letters of churches and enrolling names of delegates.
4. Election of officers, to-wit: Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Appointment of committees on Religious Exercises.
6. Call for churches to become members of the Association.
7. Call for letters and messengers from other Associations.
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
9. Appointment of committees as follows: (1) Temperance, (2) Religious Literature, (3) Sunday School and Colportage, (4) Education, (5) State Missions, (6) Home and Indian Missions, (7) Foreign Missions, (8) Baptist Orphanage, (9) Finance, (10) Obituaries, (11) Ministerial Support, (12) Ministerial Relief, (13) Educational Interests, and chairman of committees, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 13 for next year.
10. Appoint messengers to corresponding Associations and to the Baptist State Convention, and a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.
11. Call for reports from committees in the order in which they were appointed.
12. Appoint the time and place of next meeting and preacher of introductory sermon.
13. Treasurer's Report.
14. Business matters or questions laid over from previous meeting; new business, motions, resolutions, etc.
15. Adjournment.



## PROCEEDINGS.

### CHERRYVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Gaston County, N. C., Sept. 19, 1901.

The King's Mountain Baptist Association convened in its Fifty-First (\*) Annual Session with the Cherryville Baptist Church this 19th day of September 1901.

In accordance with an arrangement made last night before the Semi-Centennial (†) Committee the Introductory Sermon was preached at 10 a. m. (instead of 11) by Rev. T. Dixon from Joel 2nd chapter 1st verse: "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion."

The discourse from this favorite text by this favorite minister, seemed to stir the people to a discharge of duty as was evinced by the pleasant, active manner in which the business of the Association was transacted.

Memorial services, commencing at 11 a. m., were held by the Association, lamenting the untimely death of our chief magistrate—William McKinley. Impressive talks were made by Revs. R. F. Tredway, C. J. Woodson and J. V. Devenny.

Rev. R. F. Tredway, of Shelby, offered the following resolution, viz:

WHEREAS, We have heard with profound sorrow of the death of William McKinley, our beloved president. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we regard his death as a national calamity, a special loss to our south-land and to christianity.

Resolved 2nd, That we extend to Mrs. McKinley our deep sympathy in her affliction and pray God to give her a sustaining grace.

On motion the above resolution was unanimously adopted.

The half-hour set apart for memorial services having expired, the Association was called to order by the mod-

\* By some means the session of 1857 was called the 6th Session in the minutes of that year when it should have been the 7th. It has been known that the number of every session since then has been one too small. Notwithstanding the session of 1900 was called the 49th, we start the new century with 51st, which is correct for when the Association was only a year and 4 days old she had held two sessions. Now that the Body is 50 years and 4 days old she has held 51 sessions.

† For an account of Semi-Centennial see appendix to this work.

erator, E. Y. Webb. Clarence E. Hamrick and David P. Dellinger were appointed Reading Clerks. A motion was made by Rev. C. J. Woodson to dispense with the reading of the letters and refer them to a committee on enrollment of delegates. Thirteen votes were given for the same and a greater number against it. The motion was lost. Church letters were read and the following delegates enrolled:

Beaver Dam—J D McSwain, T P Hamrick, R L Harrill, W B McSwain, W T D Green.

Bethlehem—T W Harmon, G F Hambricht, G H Logan, G A Dixon.

Boiling Springs—D J Hamrick, E B Hamrick, A R Hamrick, D S Lovelace, R M White.

Casar--J N Magness, F L Deviney.

Carpenter's Grove—A T Mull, A B Peeler.

Cherryville—N B Kendrick, W J T Styers, R B Hicks, Matthew Stroup, David P Dellinger.

Corinth—A M Propst, J A Wray.

Double Shoals—J M Green, John W Eskridge, E A Morgan.

Double Springs—W W Washburn, S H Hamrick, C A Washburn C A Hamrick, G W Hamrick.

Elizabeth—A H Cline, Wm Roberts, C C Roberts, W J Roberts, I B Allen, E C Borders.

Grover—H Dedmon, J A Ellis, A J Hughes, D J Keeter, J W Sheppard.

King's Mountain—J C Bumgardner, G W Kendrick and J D Woodward.

Lattimore—J E McBrayer, J H Beam, D A F Hamrick.

Lawndale—H F Schenck, J L McCurry, J H Foyles.

Mt Sinai—J M Hopper, J F Blanton, W L Harrill.

Mt Vernon—N A Campbell, T D Yarboro, F J Leatherman.

Mt Zion—A L Houser, E S Houser, Geo Helmes, E F Dellinger.

New Bethel—J Z Falls, B F Falls, T J Ramseur, P Z Carpenter.

New Hope—P C Lavender, R P Rippy, L M Hopper, W A Wesson, M D Hopper, W Q Austell.

New Prospect—D O Alexander, J F Cline, D H Elliott, D G Mauney, R L Allen, B A Parker.

Oak Grove—J T Whisnant, W C Dixon.

Patterson's Grove—I H Patterson, A H Bridges.

Patterson's Station—L C McSwain, T P Camp, W F Rippy.

On motion the Association now adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Rev. R. N. Hawkins.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the Body to order at 1:15 p. m. After prayer by Rev. J. M. Bridges, the reading of church letters and enrolling of delegates were completed as follows:

Pleasant Grove—Q M Ledford, W A Wright, J Y Elliott, V A Gardner, Sylvanus Gardner, L A Wright.

Pleasant Hill—Rollins Roberts, J A Dover, S R Anthony, L I Kendrick.

Poplar Springs—E S Glascoe, S B Jones.



Ross' Grove—G R Champion, A J Dedmon, J E Blanton.  
Sandy Plains—J D Bridges, J F Green, J P Walker, A B Jones,  
L S Jenkins.

Shady Grove—D R Stroup, E D Stroup, John Neal.  
Shelby—T K Barnett, H D Wilson, M N Hamrick, C E Ham-  
rick, E Y Webb, A B Suttle, W B Nix.

Waco—John F Moss, W M Harrelson, S L Dellinger.  
Webb's Chapel—F E Carpenter, A L Eaker.  
Zion—A H Cornwell, J M Wilson, F P Gold, J W Irvin, P N  
Martin.

Zoar—M O McEntire, S W Hughes, C G Love, S B Hamrick.

The Moderator announced the election of officers as  
the next item of business.

On motion of Rev. C. J. Woodson the present  
officers were continued by acclamation to wit: Moderator,  
E. Y. Webb; Clerk, D. S. Lovelace; Treasurer, T. K.  
Barnett.

The following messengers and visitors were received  
during the session, viz:

W. M. Lyles, from the Mecklenburg Association; Archibald  
Johnson, from the Liberty Association representing the Baptist  
Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C.; S. F. Conrad, representing the N.  
C. Baptist; W. H. Hoover, from the South Fork Association; Revs J.  
M Bridges and G. P. Hamrick from the Broad River Association;  
Rev. L. R. Pruett, of Charlotte, N. C., in the interest of Education;  
Rev. J. W. Cobb, representing the Biblical Recorder; Rev. O. L.  
Stringfield, representing the Baptist Female University; Rev. Liv-  
ingston Johnson, Cor. Sec. Baptist State Convention.

The Rev. Mr. Cathey, of the Presbyterian church, was wel-  
comed as a visitor.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Religious Exercises—D J Keeter, J Y Elliott, D J Hamrick and  
J Z Falls together with the pastor and deacons of the Cherryville  
church.

Temperance—T J Ramseur, J E McBrayer, B F Falls, W W  
Washburn, C G Love.

Digest of Church Letters—J V Devenny, C C Roberts, G W  
Kendrick, J A Ellis, G A Dixon.

Rev. R. F. Tredway read the following

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

People are largely made by what they read, and they always  
talk and think about what they read. What we read then decides  
what we will be. If we can put our denominational literature in the  
hands of our people, our churches will indeed be New Testament  
churches in practice as well as in name.

It gives us pleasure to call attention to the Biblical Recorder—  
our official organ—that should be in the homes of all our people. We  
rejoice to see the prosperity of Charity & Children, our orphanage  
paper. We desire too, to call attention to the Foreign Mission Jour-  
nal, Home Field, the publications of the Sunday School Board and  
the North Carolina Baptist.

T. DIXON, H. F. SCHENCK, R. F. TREDWAY, JOHN H. BEAM, R. W. GARDNER,	} Committee.
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The above report was discussed by Revs. S. F. Conrad, J. W. Cobb, C. J. Woodson and Bro. Archibald Johnson. Report adopted.

Dr. B. F. Falls read the following

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the great works before our church is that of elevating the standard of Temperance and of creating public sentiment against intemperance.

We feel that public sentiment against the great evil of intemperance is growing, and that our churches realize more and more, the importance of discipline on this great moral question.

This work and the workers are greatly helped in Cleveland county by the prohibition law of the county. We wish to urge our sister counties to join us in this movement. It will help them and protect us more.

The success of the temperance cause in our midst depends upon the public sentiment of our people, especially upon our church members. We wish to urge every individual church member to be careful of the influence he wields.

T. J. RAMSEUR,	} Committee.
B. F. FALLS,	
W. W. WASHBURN,	
J. E. McBRAYER,	
C. G. LOVE,	

Remarks by Revs. S. F. Conrad, T. Dixon, A. H. Simms and R. N. Hawkins.

On motion the report on temperance was adopted.

On motion it is ordered that the historical sketch given last night by Bro. E. Y. Webb be published in the minutes of this session. [For same see appendix to this work.]

On motion adjourned to 10 a. m. to-morrow morning. Prayer by Rev. R. L. Limrick.

[For Thursday night's exercises see pages at close.]

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association opened with prayer by Rev. G. M. Webb, at 10 a. m.

The Moderator called the Body to order and Rev. A. C. Irvin read the following

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The mind is the great agency in directing and moulding the lives of mankind. In proportion to its healthy development, depends the prosperity of our people. It is the work of education to give to the mind this growth, vitality and power.

We, as a denomination need more of it among our children. What will be the success of our children in life if we fail to give them this power while this progressive age is stepping forward so rapidly in thought and action?

Whom shall we leave here to advocate and defend our faith, the principles we hold so dear, as against the attacks of those who reject them, if we fail to educate our children? It is our duty, brethren,



to make a step forward and see that all our schools and colleges are sustained and our children equipped for the great battle of life. It is with great pleasure that we refer to Wake Forest College as the Institution for the education of our young men.

We refer with pride to its past history, its present high character and its brighter prospects for the future and especially would we refer to its liberal provisions for aiding young men desirous of devoting their time to the ministry.

Wake Forest College is improving its course and increasing its advantages and equipments every year and it is now prepared to do, and is doing, better work than ever before. Let us, therefore, render all the assistance we can in this direction.

We also refer with pride to our Baptist Female University at Raleigh which has been doing such noble work for the last two years in the way of educating our girls. They are giving our girls the same advantages that our boys are receiving at Wake Forest.

Your committee would also recommend all the Baptist High Schools of the State and especially those in our Association.

A. C. IRVIN,	} Committee.
J. H. MAGNESS,	
J. D. WOODWARD,	
Wm. ROBERTS,	
E. B. HAMRICK,	

Remarks by Revs. A. C. Irvin, J. V. Devinny, J. M. Bridges, T. Dixon, L. R. Pruett and R. N. Hawkins.

Rev. G. M. Webb spoke to the above report and concluded with some farewell remarks which touched the sympathetic feelings of the Association as they thought of one, so long a prominent member of this body, now taking his leave from us for a home in Georgia.

Pending the motion to adopt the report on education the Association adjourned for one hour and 15 minutes for refreshments. Prayer by Rev. A. H. Simms.

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Body re-assembled at 1:15 p. m. The Moderator in the chair. Rev. N. H. Moss led in prayer. The consideration of the report on education was resumed and the various churches pledged as follows for education:

Beaver Dam, paid,.....	\$ 1.00	Patterson's Grove,.....	\$ 1.00
Bethlehem,.....	3.00	Patterson's Station,.....	1.00
Casar,.....	1.00	Pleasant Grove,.....	2.00
Cherryville,.....	2.50	Pleasant Hill,.....	1.00
Corinth,.....	1.00	Poplar Springs,.....	.50
Double Shoals,.....	1.00	Ross' Grove,.....	1.00
Elizabeth, paid,.....	2.50	Shelby,.....	10.00
Grover,.....	5.00	Waco,.....	2.00
King's Mountain,.....	3.00	Webb's Chapel,.....	.50
Lawndale,.....	5.00	Zion,.....	2.00
Mt. Zion,.....	1.00	Rev. C. J. Woodson,.....	5.00
New Bethel,.....	10.00		
New Hope,.....	2.00	Total,.....	\$65.50
New Prospect,.....	1.50		

The report on education was adopted.

Rev. R. N. Hawkins read the following

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your committee beg leave to say that there are now at the Orphanage 210 children in the care of this Institution who are looking to the Baptists of the State for sustenance and we should be willing to do our part. The Lord has said "Pure religion and undefiled before God is this: to visit the fatherless and the widow," and as we can not all visit them in person, we should visit them in our prayers and by our means. God has said: "I will be a father to the fatherless," and he will show this parental care and kindness through his people and we should, at once, see to it that these dear children have food and clothing for the coming winter. Bro. Boone will receive anything that will help to feed or clothe. Of course money will be received at all times. Brethren: Let us awake to our duty and contribute of our means liberally and God will bless us for he has said that he loves the cheerful giver and the liberal soul shall be made fat.

R. N. HAWKINS,  
T. W. HARMON,  
T. P. HAMRICK,  
J. A. WRAY,  
C. A. HAMRICK, } Committee.

Remarks by Bev. R. N. Hawkins and A. Johnson. Bro. Johnson's time having expired same was extended ten minutes by the body. The discussion was continued by Rev. J. V. Devenny.

PLEDGES FOR BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Beaver Dam, paid .....	\$ 4 00	Oak Grove, paid .....	\$ 1 00
Bethlehem .....	5 00	Patterson's Grove .....	2 00
Boiling Springs .....	2 00	Patterson's Station .....	1 25
Casar .....	3 00	Pleasant Grove .....	2 00
Carpenter's Grove .....	2 00	Pleasant Hill .....	2 00
Cherryville .....	5 00	Poplar Springs .....	1 50
Corinth .....	1 00	Ross' Grove .....	2 50
Double Shoals .....	3 00	Sandy Plains .....	1 00
Double Springs, paid .....	2 50	Shady Grove .....	2 00
Elizabeth, paid .....	7 50	Shelby .....	25 00
Grover .....	5 00	Waco .....	2 00
King's Mountain .....	5 00	Webb's Chapel .....	50
Lattimore .....	2 00	Zion .....	3 00
Lawndale .....	25 00	Zoar .....	2 50
Mt. Sinai, paid .....	1 50	C. J. Woodson .....	10 00
Mt. Vernon .....	1 00	E. C. Borders, paid .....	5 00
Mt. Zion .....	2 00	Hat collection .....	13 54
New Bethel .....	30 00		
New Hope .....	6 00	Total for Orphanage .....	\$191 29
New Prospect .....	2 00		

[One dollar or more of above hat collection was intended for Charity & Children.]

The report on Baptist Orphanage was adopted.

Rev. A. H. Simms read the following

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

We consider the Sunday School work as one of the highest importance for the proper development of our churches, the training



and conversion of our children and for the extending of a knowledge of the Bible among our people, hence the importance of well trained teachers to take charge of this work. We believe the Sunday School is the nursery of the church where the children are prepared for good and efficient church members. We therefore recommend that all our churches take special interest in the colportage work in our bounds and in the circulation of doctrinal tracts and such books and papers as will indoctrinate our people and prepare them for more efficient work in the Master's cause. Let us turn on the light for, as the people read, so they go. Respectfully submitted.

D. A. F. HAMRICK, }  
A. H. SIMMS. } Committee.  
E. C. BORDERS, }  
A. F. MULL, }  
W. L. HARRILL, }

Remarks by Rev. A. H. Simms.

Report adopted.

Rev. R. L. Limrick read the following

# REPORT ON HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

If we are ever going to enlarge our mission forces abroad, reinforce old field and occupy new ones, we must develop our resources at home.

The truth is, the extension of the Foreign Mission work during the past quarter of a century is due, in no small degree, to the result of Home Mission operations. There are hundreds of churches all over our land which are now pouring in their offerings.

Now brethren: Let us look well to our own home-land first, and in so doing we tighten the stakes and lengthen the cord.

R. L. LIMRICK, }  
J. T. WHISNANT, } Committee.  
M. D. HOPPER, }  
D. O. ALEXANDER, }  
L. I. KENDRICK, }

The above report was discussed by Revs. R. L. Limrick, R. F. Tredway, Livingston Johnson.

# PLEDGES FOR HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

Beaver Dam, paid .....	\$ 3 00	New Prospect .....	\$ 5 00
Bethlehem .....	5 00	Oak Grove, paid .....	1 00
Boiling Springs .....	3 00	Patterson's Grove .....	3 00
Casar .....	2 00	Patterson's Station .....	1 00
Carpenter's Grove .....	2 00	Pleasant Grove .....	5 00
Cherryville .....	10 00	Pleasant Hill .....	5 00
Corinth .....	1 00	Poplar Springs .....	2 00
Double Shoals .....	2 00	Ross' Grove .....	2 00
Double Springs, paid .....	7 50	Sandy Plains .....	3 00
Elizabeth, paid .....	12 50	Shady Grove .....	2 00
Grover .....	12 00	Shelby .....	25 00
King's Mountain .....	5 00	Waco .....	4 00
Lattimore .....	3 00	Webb's Chapel .....	1 00
Lawndale .....	10 00	Zion .....	5 00
Mt. Sinai, paid .....	1 50	Zoar .....	2 00
Mt. Vernon .....	1 00	C. J. Woodson .....	5 00
Mt. Zion .....	2 00		
New Bethel .....	30 00	Total .....	\$188 50
New Hope .....	5 00		

On motion the report on Home and Indian Missions was adopted.

On motion adjourned to 9:30 a. m. to-morrow.  
Prayer by Rev. Livingston Johnson.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened with prayer by Rev. R. F. Tredway.  
Rev. R. F. Tredway read the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

One serious drawback to the work of our churches lies in the fact that we forget the business side of religion. We call men to leave all else and serve our churches, and oftentimes seem to forget that God has called them to preach the Word and to look to the churches for a support.

This day calls for men who can give their entire time to the work of preaching the gospel. This they cannot do unless the churches see to it that their support is adequate. We urge that our people give their pastors a liberal support and see that their salaries are promptly paid. Let us bring our offerings in promptly at our weekly or monthly gatherings as they did in the days of the Apostles.

R F TREDWAY,	} Committee.
S R ANTHONY,	
L S JENKINS,	
J E BLANTON,	
F E CARPENTER,	

The matter of Ministerial Support was discussed by  
Revs. R. F. Tredway and O. L. Stringfield.

The above report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following as Chairmen of the various committees to report next year, viz:

Temperance—Bro. H. F. Schenck.  
Religious Literature—Rev. A. H. Simms.  
Sunday Schools and Colportage—Rev. D. G. Washburn.  
Ministerial Education—Rev. D. F. Putnam.  
State Missions—Rev. A. C. Irvin.  
Home and Indian Missions—Rev. R. N. Hawkins.  
Baptist Orphanage—Rev. R. L. Limrick.  
Foreign Missions—Rev. R. F. Tredway.  
Educational Institutions—J. V. Deviney. [See resolution.]

On motion 10 o'clock to 10:45 a. m. to-day was made a special order for Foreign Missions and 10:45 to 11:30 a. m. to-day for State Missions.

The committee on time and place reported as follows, viz:

We, your committee on time and place, recommend that the next session of the King's Mountain Association meet with the Pleasant Grove church on Thursday before the 4th Sunday in September 1902.

J Z FALLS,	} Committee.
N B KENDRICK,	
F L DEVINEY,	
F P GOLD,	
W A WESSON,	
J P WALKER,	
J M GREEN,	

On motion the report on time and place was adopted.



The committee submitted the following

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This Board is located at Durham, N. C., W. C. Tyree, President and J. F. McDuffie, Corresponding Secretary. It has done a glorious work in the way of affording relief to aged and infirm ministers of the gospel, who are no longer able to engage in active work.

The plan upon which the work is carried on is to supplement the support of beneficiaries at their homes and, in many cases, it has kept the wolf from the door by offering timely aid in times of need. Fifty per cent. of the contributions of the churches go to the immediate relief of ministers the balance into an endowment fund which will soon yield income enough to sustain the work, thus lifting it off the churches. No member or officer of the board receives a cent of salary. Their work is given freely without money or price. We commend this loving service to these indigent and aged servants of God. It is justly their due.

W J ROBERTS,  
H DEDMON,  
J M WILSON,  
S B HAMRICK,  
W F RIPPY, } Committee.

Remarks by Revs. A. H. Simms and J. L. McCurry.

Churches pledged as follows for

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Beaver Dam, paid.....	\$2 00	Mt. Vernon.....	\$ 50
Bethlehem.....	5 00	New Prospect.....	1 00
Boiling Springs.....	2 00	Oak Grove, paid.....	50
Casar.....	1 00	Patterson's Grove.....	2 00
Carpenter's Grove.....	1 00	Pleasant Grove.....	2 00
Cherryville.....	2 50	Pleasant Hill.....	1 00
Corinth.....	1 00	Poplar Springs.....	50
Double Shoals.....	1 00	Ross' Grove.....	1 00
Double Springs, paid.....	1 00	Sandy Plains.....	2 00
Elizabeth, paid.....	2 50	Shady Grove.....	1 00
Grover.....	3 00	Shelby.....	5 00
King's Mountain.....	5 00	Waco.....	1 00
Lattimore.....	1 00	Webb's Chapel.....	50
Lawndale.....	3 00	Zion.....	1 50
Mt. Sinai, paid.....	1 00	Zoar.....	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 00		
New Bethel.....	8 00	Total.....	\$64 50
New Hope.....	3 00		

The report was adopted.

For satisfactory reasons the two special orders of this fore-noon were reversed by the body and at this hour (10 a. m.) Rev. D. F. Putnam read the following

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Year by year the churches have been appealed to for an enlargement of our State Mission Work. At the Baptist State Convention of last year an advance of over last year of 5,000 was made. This in the face of the fact that a debt was reported on the work of the year closing in December. We are confronted with a situation unparalleled in the history of our state mission work. Instead of \$25,000 we must raise at least \$26,000 this year, or suffer the danger of a debt when the convention meets at Winston. Three-fourths of this sum

must be given within the next three months. The year has been marked by destruction and distress. Storms and floods have done their deadly work leaving wreck and ruin in their wake. The financial conditions are altogether unfavorable. Men are wondering what they will do to provide for those who are committed to their care.

Yet in the midst of these circumstances the Lord is smiling upon our state mission work. The missionaries report glorious ingatherings, the weak points are gaining strength day by day, and the pleasure of the Lord is prospering in the hands of His people. A tidal wave of education is rolling over the state. A mighty impulse is felt everywhere. The kingdom of God is coming faster than ever before.

We have but one thing to do and that is to go forward and do the duty assigned us. As an association we must not fall back. The mighty movement to take the whole state for Christ must find ready helpers in the churches of this association. About the same force is at work on the field as heretofore. The Eastern part of the state destitute of Baptist churches, the great factory problem in middle North Carolina and the crying need of the Western portion of the state for schools, are still the problem before the board clamoring for solution.

Vast progress has been made. Ten splendid schools have been established beyond the Blue Ridge where three years ago there was but one. Factory missions are prosperous and yielding fine results; the destitution along the eastern shore is slowly being reached and supplied.

We can not go backward. God's eye is upon us; His command rings in our ears. Whatever be the circumstances that surround us, there is but one thing to do and that is to go FORWARD

D F PUTNAM,	} Committee.
G R CHAMPION,	
ES GLASCOE,	
D R STROUP,	
A B JONES,	

State Missions was discussed by Revs. D. F. Putnam and Livingston Johnson. The latter was granted the liberty to speak three-fourths of an hour.

Churches pledged as follows for

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Beaver Dam, paid .....	\$ 6 00	Patterson's Grove .....	\$ 2 50
Bethlehem .....	10 00	Patterson's Station .....	2 50
Boiling Springs .....	5 00	Pleasant Hill .....	5 00
Casar .....	2 50	Pleasant Grove .....	7 50
Carpenter's Grove .....	3 50	Poplar Springs .....	2 50
Cherryville .....	12 50	Ross' Grove .....	4 00
Corinth .....	4 00	Sandy Plains .....	6 00
Double Springs, paid .....	15 00	Shady Grove .....	3 50
Double Shoals .....	3 00	Shelby .....	100 00
Elizabeth, paid .....	34 00	Waco .....	10 00
Grover .....	15 00	Webb's Chapel .....	1 00
King's Mountain .....	5 00	Zion .....	12 00
Lattimore .....	10 00	Zoar .....	8 00
Lawndale .....	10 00	Women's Mis. S. of Shelby .....	5 00
Mt. Sinai, paid .....	2 50	Young Ladies Aid S. " .....	10 00
Mt. Zion .....	6 00	Rev. C. J. Woodson .....	5 00
New Bethel .....	35 00	W. W. Washburn, paid .....	2 00
New Hope .....	9 00	C. A. Washburn, paid .....	2 00
Mt. Vernon .....	3 00	Rev. D. G. Washburn, paid .....	1 00
New Prospect .....	8 00		
Oak Grove, paid .....	1 00		
		Total .....	\$389 50



The report on State Missions was adopted.

At 10:45 a. m. Rev. O. L. Stringfield read the following

### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The most comprehensive passage of scripture is that which says: "For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." This is the work committed by Christ to the churches—giving the gospel to lost humanity. Let us give special consideration to three points with reference to Foreign Mission Work.

First. God calling men and women to do this special work. This call has been so strong that the most precious ties of earth have been broken with perfect delight to answer this call.

Second. God has opened the door so that these servants have been able to enter the foreign field that before was shut against us. God did this against all odds and in the face of the strongest opposition.

Third. God has in every case fulfilled His promise to be with His servants who would dare lean upon His gracious promise.

What success we have had in this great work is a matter neither here nor there. Our success or our failure in this regard does not, in the least, affect our duty or responsibility in the matter. If it be of God the work will be crowned with glorious success. If it be of man it will come to naught.

What has been done in China, Africa, Japan, Italy and in other lands, stands both as a witness and monument of God's pleasure with us in this world-wide evangelization.

The impetus this work has given to every other work in our own state and communities brings additional witness to the pleasure of God with us and the healthy diet this work is to our souls.

May we do more, much more, and with greater pleasure.

G M WEBB,

A J HUGHES,

J L McCURRY,

J F BLANTON,

F J LEATHERMAN,

A L HOUSER,

} Committee.

Foreign Missions was discussed by Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

Churches pledged as follows for Foreign Missions.

Beaver Dam, paid .....	\$ 3 00	New Hope .....	\$ 6 00
Bethlehem .....	10 00	New Prospect .....	5 00
Boiling Springs .....	8 00	Oak Grove, paid .....	1 00
Casar .....	3 00	Patterson's Grove .....	1 00
Carpenter's Grove .....	2 50	Pleasant Grove .....	7 00
Cherryville .....	5 00	Pleasant Hill .....	5 00
Corinth .....	1 00	Poplar Springs .....	2 00
Double Springs, paid .....	5 00	Ross' Grove .....	4 00
Double Shoals .....	2 00	Sandy Plains .....	5 00
Elizabeth, paid .....	15 00	Shady Grove .....	2 00
Grover .....	12 00	Shelby .....	60 00
King's Mountain .....	5 00	Waco .....	5 00
Lattimore .....	5 00	Zion .....	5 00
Lawndale .....	20 00	C. J. Woodson .....	5 00
Mt. Sinai, paid .....	1 00		
Mt. Zion .....	2 00	Total .....	\$252 50
New Bethel .....	40 00		

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

On motion the Association decided to raise eighteen dollars to supplement the minute fund in order that the historical sketch might be printed in the minutes.

In order to raise said amount and in addition to regular minute fund sent up by the delegates, churches contributed as follows for printing viz:

Beaver Dam, paid,.....	\$ 50	New Bethel, paid.....	\$1 50
Bethlehem, paid.....	50	New Hope, paid.....	50
Boiling Springs, paid.....	1 00	New Prospect, paid.....	50
Carpenter's Grove, paid.....	50	Pleasant Grove, paid.....	60
Cherryville, paid.....	1 50	Pleasant Hill, paid.....	50
Double Shoals.....	50	Poplar Springs.....	50
Double Springs.....	1 00	Shady Grove.....	50
Elizabeth, paid.....	50	Shelby.....	1 50
Grover, paid.....	50	Waco.....	50
King's Mountain, paid.....	50	Webb's Chapel.....	50
Lattimore.....		Zion.....	50
Lawndale, paid.....	1 00	S. W. Hughes, paid.....	10
Mt. Sinai, paid.....	50		
Mt. Vernon.....	50	Total,.....	\$17 20
Mt. Zion, paid.....	50		

On motion of Rev. O. L. Stringfield, the following were appointed by the body as a permanent committee to look after, and also to get up a report in regard to Educational interests among the various churches of this Association, viz: E. Y. Webb, (Mod.), T. J. Ramseur, A. H. Simms, J. L. McCurry, R. F. Tredway, D. J. Hamrick, W. W. Washburn, N. B. Kendrick, R. L. Limrick, A. C. Irvin, D. J. Keeter.

The committee appointed to get up a report on Educational Interests, etc., offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That this association approve the great educational movement as set forth by the last Baptist State Convention and urge an educational campaign among the various churches of this Association, the object of which shall be to raise funds for the benefit of The Baptist Female University, the establishment of an associational high school within the bounds of this Association and for the benefit of Wake Forest College as each individual donor or church may designate.

E Y WEBB,	} Committee.
T J RAMSEUR,	
J L MCCURRY,	
R F TREDWAY,	
D J HAMRICK,	
W W WASHBURN,	
N B KENDRICK,	
R L LIMRICK,	
A C IRVIN,	
D J KEETER,	
A H SIMMS,	

On motion the above resolution was adopted.

On motion Revs. R. F. Tredway, A. C. Irvin, A. H.



Simms, R. L. Limrick and Bro. T. J. Ramseur were appointed to arrange a program for having all the churches of this Association visited by some brother who will explain and work for the objects named in the foregoing resolution.

Bro. E. Y. Webb, Moderator, was elected as a delegate to represent this Association in the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Asheville, N. C., on Friday before second Sunday in May 1902, with Rev. A. H. Simms alternate.

On motion adjourned for one hour for dinner. Prayer by Rev. B. M. Bridges.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator called the body to order at 1:15 p. m., and after prayer by Rev. J. V. Devinny the committee on introductory sermon for next year reported as follows:

We, your committee recommend that Rev. R. N. Hawkins be appointed to preach the introductory sermon next year with Rev. A. C. Irvin alternate.

W Q AUSTELL,  
P C LAVENDER,  
E F DELLINGER,  
I H PATTERSON,  
L C McSWAIN,

} Committee.

On motion the above report was adopted.

Rev. J. V. Devinny read the following

REPORT ON DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

Your committee on examination of the letters from the churches find the following facts: No. of baptisms reported this year, 277; No. for last year 216; a gain of 61. No. received by letter 223, a gain of 52 over last year. Restored 21 as against 25 last year, loss 4. Dismissed by letter 203; 21 fewer than last year. Excluded 85; 5 more than last year. Lost by death 48 which was 6 fewer than last year.

We find a total gain in membership of 185 as reported. There appears a slight discrepancy in the totals reported last year. The gains and losses and the totals reported this year in the case of one or two churches. The present membership aggregates 5,687. The amount reported for salary of pastors is \$4,426.91; a gain of \$216.91 for the year. State Missions has received \$391.09; a gain for the year of \$46.60. For Home Missions the reports show \$223.12—an advance of \$46.25 over last year. For Foreign Missions the amount reported is \$302.53, a gain of \$21.83. For Education \$48.90, a loss of \$27.40 from last year. The amount reported for Baptist Orphanage \$309.25—an increase of \$143.28 over last year. Amount reported for relief of aged ministers \$47.19, a gain of \$14.19. Amount for printing minutes \$37.33. Considerable sums were reported from some of the churches for various other objects. The grand total reported from the churches for all objects foots up \$8,069.66, a gain of \$1,134.41 over last year which shows a contribution of a fraction over \$1.41 per member. Six churches do not report the amounts paid their pastors. Seven churches show a decrease and seven churches show an increase for this object. One church contributed nothing for State Missions; three show nothing for Foreign Missions; eighteen nothing for Education; one nothing for Baptist Orphanage; twelve nothing for aged

ministers and two nothing for minute fund.

Six churches report no baptisms and two report no gains in membership from any source. Eighteen show a net gain in membership while twelve show a net loss.

We find that all the churches except two, report Sunday Schools, one church reporting two schools carried on by its members. The aggregate av. attendance of all the schools is 1772. Thirteen of these schools report contributions for objects other than school expenses, only two naming the objects for which these contributions were made. We would most respectfully urge that all the Sunday Schools report the full amounts of their contributions and be sure to name the objects for which these contributions are made. We also urge the church clerks to use the utmost care in reporting all the work of the churches, carefully adding their figures and that they see to it that their letters are sent in on the first day of meeting.

It is with much pleasure that your committee notes the many signs of substantial growth and progress in our Association, and with prayer and much hope we call upon pastors and churches to turn their faces to the future and address themselves to the gigantic tasks which lie before them. Respectfully submitted,

J V DEVINNY,  
C C ROBERTS,  
G A DIXON,  
G W KENDRICK  
J A ELLIS,

} Committee.

On motion the above report was adopted.

The following messengers were appointed to attend sister associations, viz :

Sandy Run Association—Revs A C Irvin, R N Hawkins, J V Deviny, R L Limrick, T Dixon.

South Fork Association—Revs D F Putnam, R L Limrick, J D Woodward.

Green River Association—Rev A C Irvin.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention which meets in Winston, N. C., on the 4th day of Dec. 1901 were elected as follows :

Revs A C Irvin, R L Limrick, D F Putnam, J V Deviny, R F Tredway, T Dixon, C J Woodson and Bro T J Ramseur.

#### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

For State Missions.....	\$164 90	For Ministerial Relief .....	\$29 85
For Home and Indian Mis. ....	48 91	For Minute Fund .....	40 13
For Foreign .....	71 42		
For Ministerial Education .....	41 40	Total .....	\$427 84
For Baptist Orphanage .....	31 23		

M N HAMRICK,  
M O McENTYRE,  
D J KEETER,  
J F CLINE,  
JOHN MOSS,  
D G MAUNEY,

} Committee.

The report of Finance committee was adopted.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

T. K. BARNETT, Treasurer, in account with the King's Mountain Association :

## STATE MISSIONS.

1900, Sept. 22,	To amount from finance committee.....	\$120 73
" " 22,	To amount from clerk of Association.....	45 77
" " 23,	To amount from Hat Collection Sunday.....	56 05
" Nov. 12,	To amount from Elizabeth church.....	3 31
" " 22,	To amount from Pleasant Grove Church.....	2 50
" " 30,	To amount from Pleasant Grove Church.....	2 80
" Dec. 3,	To amount from Zoar church.....	5 50
" " 3,	To amount from Sandy Plains church.....	6 00
" " 5,	To amount from Lattimore church.....	10 00
1901, July 21,	To amount from New Prospect church.....	8 00
" M'ch 27,	To amount from Zion church.....	5 00
" Ap'l 1,	To amount from Double Shoals church.....	3 00
" " 15,	To amount from S. S. Con. at Poplar Springs.....	5 06
" " 15,	To amount from Boiling Springs church.....	1 25
" " 15,	To amount from Zion church.....	3 00
" May 11,	To amount from Zion church.....	2 00
" July 1,	To amt from W. Div. S. S. Con. by Rev D F P.....	3 80
" " 9,	To amount from Poplar Springs church.....	90
" Sept 2,	To amount from Pleasant Grove church.....	1 70
" " 2,	To amount from Boiling Springs church.....	75
		<hr/> \$287 12
1900, Sept 22,	By paid Rev J E White at association.....	45 77
" " 23,	By paid Rev J E White hat collection Sunday.....	56 05
" " 23,	By paid Rev J E White check B B & Co.....	120 73
" Dec 1,	By paid J D Boushall check B B & Co.....	8 61
" " 6,	By paid J D Boushall check B B & Co.....	21 50
1901, Jan 22,	By paid J D Boushall check B B & Co.....	8 00
" Mch 27,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	5 00
" Apl 5,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	3 00
" " 15,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	9 31
" May 15,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	2 00
" July 5,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	3 80
" Aug 1,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	90
" Sept 16,	By paid W Durham check B B & Co.....	2 45
		<hr/> \$287 12

## HOME AND INDIAN MISSIONS.

1900 Sept 22,	To amount from finance committee.....	73 21
" " 22,	" " " clerk of Association.....	17 00
" Dec 5,	" " " Lattimore church.....	3 00
" " 5,	" " " New Prospect church.....	5 00
1901 Feb 21,	" " " Pleasant Grove church.....	3 18
" Mar 28,	" " " Double Shoals church.....	2 15
" Apr 1,	" " " Shelby church.....	26 98
" " 9,	" " " New Hope church.....	5 00
" " 24,	" " " Sandy Plains church.....	3 00
" May 4,	" " " Pleasant Grove church.....	1 82
" Sept 2,	" " " Boiling Springs.....	35
" " 2,	" " " ".....	
		<hr/> \$140 69
1900 Sept 22,	By paid Rev. J. E. White at Association.....	\$17 00
" " 23,	" " " check B B & Co.....	73 21
" Dec 6,	" " " J D Boushall check B B & Co.....	3 00
1901 Feb 21,	" " " W Durham check B B & Co.....	5 00
" Apr 5,	" " " " " " ".....	5 33
" " 9,	" " " " " " ".....	26 98
" " 26,	" " " " " " ".....	5 00
" May 15,	" " " " " " ".....	3 00
" Sept 16,	" " " " " " ".....	2 17
		<hr/> \$140 69

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

1900	Sept	22	To amount received from Finance Committee...	\$55 53	
"	"	"	" " " " Clerk of Association...	18 00	
"	Dec	5	" " " " Lattimore church.....	5 00	
1901	Mar	14	" " " " New Bethel church ..	34 05	
"	Apr	15	" " " " Boiling Springs church ..	4 45	
"	"	15	" " " " Poplar " "	48	
"	"	15	" " " " Zion church .....	5 00	
"	May	13	" " " " Pleasant Grove church..	3 50	
"	Sept	2	" " " " " " " "	3 50	
"	"	"	" " " " Boiling Spgs church..	3 55	
					\$133 06
1900	Sept	22	By amount paid Rev J E White at Association..	\$18 00	
"	"	"	" " " " check B B & Co.	55 53	
"	Dec	6	" " " " J D Boushall " "	5 00	
1901	Mar	14	" " " " W Durham " "	34 05	
"	Apr	15	" " " " " " " "	9 93	
"	May	15	" " " " " " " "	3 50	
"	Sept	16	" " " " " " " "	7 05	
					\$133 06

EDUCATION.

1900	Sept	22	To amount received from Finance Committee...	\$70 07	
"	"	"	" " " " clerk of Association.....	2 50	
					\$ 72 57
1900	Sept	22	By paid Rev J E White at Association .....	2 50	
"	"	23	" " " " check B B & Co .....	70 07	
					72 57

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

1900	Sept	22	To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$30 00	
"	"	"	" " " " clerk of Association.....	3 90	
"	Dec	6	" " " " Lattimore church .....	1 00	
1901	Sept	2	" " " " Pleasant Grove church....	2 00	
"	"	"	" " " " Boiling Springs church....	1 00	
					\$ 37 90
1900	Sept	22	By paid Rev J E White at Association.....	\$ 3 90	
"	"	23	" " " " check B B & Co .....	30 00	
"	Dec	6	" " " " J D Boushall " "	1 00	
1901	Sept	16	" " " " W Durham " "	3 00	
					\$ 37 90

BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

1900	Sept	22	To amount received from Finance Committee...	\$27 50	
"	"	"	" " " " clerk of Association.....	33 52	
"	Dec	3	" " " " Zion church .....	2 00	
"	"	6	" " " " Lattimore church.....	2 00	
"	"	"	" " " " " " Thanksgiving .....	4 45	
1901	Apr	24	" " " " New Hope church .....	6 00	
"	July	26	" " " " Sandy Plains church.....	1 75	
"	Sept	2	" " " " Pleasant Grove church..	2 00	
					\$ 79 22
1900	Sept	22	By paid A Johnson at Association .....	\$33 52	
"	"	23	" " " " J D Boushall check B B & Co.....	27 50	
"	Dec	6	" " " " " " " "	8 45	
1901	Apr	26	" " " " W Durham " "	6 00	
"	Aug	1	" " " " " " " "	1 75	
"	Sept	16	" " " " " " " "	2 00	
					\$ 79 22



FOR MINUTES.

1900 Sept 22	To amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$ 37 38
" Oct 13	By paid C P Roberts & Co printing minutes.....	\$27 38
" " 22	" D S Lovelace, Clerk Association.....	10 00
		— —\$ 37 38

Total amount received during the year.....\$787 94  
Total amount disbursed during the year..... 787 94

Respectfully submitted,  
T. K. BARNETT, Treas. King's Mt. Asso.

On motion Treasurer's report was adopted.

The following were elected as an Associational Mission Board for next year, viz: Revs. A. H. Simms, R. F. Tredway, J. V. Devinny and Bro. J. S. Wray.

Rev. A. H. Simms offered the following resolution:

Resolved that this Association, now in session, appoint a committee, consisting of one from each church, with whom the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention can communicate in regard to the work of our convention.

On motion the above resolution was adopted.

In compliance with the foregoing resolution the following brethren were appointed in the various churches of this Association, viz:

Beaver Dam church, T P Hamrick.....	Shelby, N. C.
Bethlehem church, J F Herndon.....	King's Mountain, "
Boiling Springs church, D J Hamrick.....	Boiling Springs, "
Casar church, J L Leary.....	Casar, "
Carpenter's Grove church, A T Mull.....	Knob Creek, "
Cherryville church, W J T Styers.....	Cherryville, "
Corinth church, J A Wray.....	Jug Town, "
Double Springs church, W W Washburn.....	Depew, "
Double Shoals church, J M Green.....	Double Shoals, "
Elizabeth church, Wm Roberts.....	Shelby, "
Grover church, D J Keeter.....	Grover, "
King's Mountain church, J C Bumgardner.....	King's Mountain, "
Lattimore church, J H Jones.....	Lattimore, "
Lawndale church, J N Foyles.....	Lawndale, "
Mt. Sinai church, J F Blanton.....	Stice's, "
Mt. Vernon church, J F Leatherman.....	Halls X Roads, "
Mt. Zion church, A L Houser.....	Cherryville, "
New Bethel church, Carme Elam.....	Cleveland Mills, "
New Hope church, A E Bettis.....	Earl, "
New Prospect church, D H Elliott.....	Stubbs, "
Oak Grove church, T A Harmon.....	King's Mountain, "
Patterson's Grove church, I H Patterson.....	King's Mountain, "
Patterson's Station church, L C McSwain.....	Patterson Springs, "
Pleasant Grove church, R W Gardner.....	Beam's Mills, "
Pleasant Hill church, S R Anthony.....	Patterson Springs, "
Poplar Springs church, S B Jones.....	Kossie, "
Ross' Grove church, J E Blanton.....	Shelby, "
Sandy Plains church, L S Jenkins.....	New House, "
Shady Grove church, D R Stroup.....	Cherryville, "
Shelby church, R F Tredway.....	Shelby, "
Waco church, P J Kendrick.....	Waco, "
Webb's Chapel church, F E Carpenter.....	Crouse, "
Zion church, J W Irvin.....	Pearl, "
Zoar church, M O McEntyre.....	Shelby, "

The association engaged in prayer, led by Rev. Livingston Johnson for the success of the work of the association and of our conventions for the coming year.

On motion Sunday's collection will be applied to State Missions.

[No report from committee on obituaries.]

On motion the Clerk was authorized to have minutes of this session including historical sketch printed and retain ten dollars for his services.

Rev. A. C. Irvin offered the following resolution :

Resolved that the hearty thanks of this association are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Cherryville and surrounding community for the very kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this body, and also to the pastors of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches at this place for the tender of the use of their houses of worship during this session.

The above resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Pleasant Grove church six miles North East from Shelby, N. C., on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1902. Benediction by Bro. Johnson.

D. S. LOVELACE,

Clerk.

E. Y. WEBB,

Moderator.

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### THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

The association having decided at its last session to meet one day earlier this year for the purpose of holding semi-centennial exercises, the body being now fifty years old, the committee appointed for this purpose had arranged an excellent program for Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1901, at the Cherryville Baptist church, but on account of the inclemency of the weather the program was not carried out in full. The heavy, continuous rains deferred the meeting from 11 a. m. until 7:30 p. m. At that hour Bro. E. Y. Webb, of Shelby, filled his part on the program by delivering an address on the subject: "Fifty Years of the King's Mountain Association."

He gave a sketch of each year's work of the Association from its organization in 1851 to the present time. The history, which is appended, shows the steady progress the body has been making all along, as well as, some very trying circumstances through which she has



passed. It furnishes interesting reading matter for the members of the various churches and contains truths that are new to many of us. A copy of the minutes of first Session was exhibited, which was a very small pamphlet of only four leaves but the matter contained therein was important.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. O. L. Stringfield, who was also on the semi-centennial program, addressed the audience for an hour in his own peculiar style. The house was filled to overflowing and the people gave strict attention while the speaker talked earnestly and impressively about "That Child of Yours."

FRIDAY—EVENING EXERCISES.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. A. H. Simms preached at the Methodist church while Bro. Archibald Johnson, of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N. C., addressed the people at the Baptist church, followed by Rev. Stringfield.

SATURDAY—EVENING EXERCISES.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. O. L. Stringfield preached an able and eloquent sermon in the Baptist church. Theme: "The Blood of Jesus Christ." At the same hour Rev. J. V. Devinny preached in the Methodist church. His subject was: "Man can not live by bread alone."

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

At 10 a. m. a Sunday School mass meeting was held in the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. A. H. Simms, pastor of the King's Mountain church.

At 11 a. m. Rev. Livingston Johnson preached a missionary sermon in the Baptist church and at the same hour Rev. O. L. Stringfield preached in the Methodist church and Rev. A. H. Simms in the Presbyterian church.

The collections Sunday amounted to \$32.22 for State Missions.

### CHERRYVILLE AND THE SESSION.

It is hoped and believed that much good has been accomplished, both to the delegates present, and to the town of Cherryville by this meeting.

Financially, the numerous steam whistles, the many brick and wooden buildings, a neat newspaper, with a brilliant young editor and the general appearance of the place, bespeak for the town, progress on a solid basis, while the fact that a young and growing town of one thousand inhabitants, has within its limits, five white churches, shows that Cherryville is a very important point religiously. The many kindnesses shown the association by other denominations will not soon be forgotten. It was indeed gratifying to hear so much said by members of other churches in praise of the good work now being done by the pious, kind and energetic young pastor of the Cherryville Baptist church.

An immense throng, made up of different denominations, was present during the session to hear the deliberations of a body of Baptists, and learn some of the great works that have been accomplished by the denominations.

The business of the body was transacted in such a way as to make it a real pleasure to be present at this session. Instead of the usual rush to finish the business of the body, the association found time for relaxation and the closing hour on Saturday afternoon was spent enjoying a fine musical duet and other soul refreshing music furnished by that excellent choir under the direction of Prof. B. H. Roberts, assisted by Prof. Gold with Miss Bertha Moss as organist.

While the resolution of thanks for kind entertainment was pending, the brethren seemed to vie with each other in claiming the kindest treatment and best home.

CLERK.



# Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	PASTORS.	Sabbaths of Preaching.	No. Baptized.	Rec. by Letter.	Restored.	Dis. by Letter.	Died.	Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.	Net Loss.	Net Gain.
Beaver Dam.....	T P Hamrick, Shelby.....	J M Bridges.....	4	3	3	2	19	1	108	179	287	12	
*Bethlehem.....	J F Herndon, King's Mountain.....	A H Simms.....	1	27	7	1	6	3	9	120	218	24	4
Boiling Springs.....	J B Hamrick, Boiling Springs, ".....	L C Ezell.....	1	10	1		4	1	2	158	289		15
Casar.....	J L Leary, Casar.....	D G Washburn.....	4	3	16	2	5	1	33	46	79	4	26
Carpenter's Grove.....	A B Peeler, Paso.....	T Dixon.....	4	1	1		5		32	25	57		
Cherryville.....	David P Dellinger, Cherryville.....	D F Putnam.....	1 & 3	5	22	1		1	53	134	187		40
Corinth.....	G W Hood, Plateau.....	G M Webb.....	1	5			4	1	30	45	75		6
Double Shoals.....	J M Green, Double Shoals.....	Z D Harrill.....	2	23	11		3	1	37	48	85		10
Double Springs.....	J L Green, Depew.....	D P Bridges.....	2	5	9	1	5	4	127	127	254		6
Elizabeth.....	W J Roberts, Shelby.....	A C Irvin.....	2	12	5	7	7		114	183	297		41
Grover.....	D J Keeter, Grover.....	J D Batly.....	3	15	5	1	6	2	83	131	214		6
King's Mountain.....	G W Kendrick, King's Mt.....	A H Simms.....	2 & 4	11	33	3	6		74	123	197		4
Lattimore.....	J H Jones, Lattimore.....	A C Irvin.....	1	1	7		11		47	63	110		3
Lawndale.....	J H Foytes, Lawndale.....	J V Devanny.....		4	5	5	8	1	21	34	55		9
Mt. Sinai.....	E A Weaver, Sice's.....	J M Goode.....	3	3	2		3	1	41	47	91		5
†Mt. Vernon.....	F J Leatherman, Hulls X Roads.....	T Dixon.....	2	15		2	7	1	56	114	170		12
Mt. Zion.....	A L Houser, Cherryville.....	D F Putnam.....	3	4	5		15	1	3	65	118		17
New Bethel.....	Carme Elem, Cleveland Mills.....	J V Devanny.....	1 & 3	14	6		6		2	97	180		12
New Hope.....	C A Borders, Earls.....	G P Hamrick.....	3	8	7	2	5	2	1	110	143		9
New Prospect.....	J M Gillespie, Double Shoals.....	T Dixon.....	3	9	9		9		46	63	99		12
Oak Grove.....	S C Jolly, Fancy.....	J C Blanton.....	3	1			10	2	3	41	60		14
Patterson's Grove.....	N W Ross, King's Mountain.....	A H Simms.....	3	4	9			1	25	39	64		12
Patterson's Station.....	L C McSwain, Pattersons Spgs.....	D G Washburn.....	3	4	8		5		96	160	256		10
†Pleasant Grove.....	R W Gardner, Beam's Mills.....	A P Hollifield.....	4	2			6	3	2	100	199		9
Pleasant Hill.....	J A Roberts, Pattersons Spgs.....	D G Washburn.....	1	9	5		4	2	32	43	75		14
Poplar Springs.....	S B Jones, Kossie.....	L C Ezell.....	1	1	2		4	2	2	48	73		4
Ross' Grove.....	J E Blanton, Shelby.....	D F Putnam.....	3	8	9		15	3	3	78	150		10
Sandy Plains.....	C R Whitaker, New House.....	A P Hollifield.....	1	16			5	1	46	58	104		56
Shady Grove.....	D R Stroup, Cherryville.....	R N Hawkins.....	E S	45	21	4	10		135	209	394		3
Shelby.....	J J Lattimore, Shelby.....	R F Tredway.....	1	1	4	1	6		68	82	150		8
Waco.....	P J Kendrick, Waco.....	D F Putnam.....	3	3					18	14	32		2
Webb's Chapel.....	C D Weaver, Crouse.....	R N Hawkins.....	1	1			8		69	133	202		3
Zion.....	F P Gold, Pearl.....	R L Limrick.....	1	2	10		7		3	68	108		2
Zoar.....	S B Hamrick, Shelby.....	Z D Harrill.....	3										
Totals.....			277	222	21	203	33	48	2321	3359	5680	111	295

\*Bethlehem's membership would have shown a gain of 17 but for the fact that 41 are reported "dropped."  
 †Mt. Vernon reports "Pastor resigned in May on account of sickness. No pastor since."  
 ‡Pleasant Grove reports 11 members lost, hence the net loss in membership.

## Financial Table.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home and In- dian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Baptist Orphanage.	Ministerial Relief.	Poor.	Repairs.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.	Value of Church Property.
Beaver Dam.....	\$100 00	\$5 00	\$2 00	\$1 00	\$2 50	\$3 50	\$1 15	\$1 50	.....	1 90	\$47 60	\$162 15	\$1000 00
Bethlehem.....	105 55	10 00	3 00	8 00	2 50	2 00	2 00	3 00	.....	2 00	36 25	138 05	500 00
Boiling Springs.....	200 00	5 00	3 00	8 00	.....	2 00	1 00	25 00	2 00	1 51	20 54	283 76	800 00
Casar.....	65 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	3 00	1 50	.....	.....	1 00	.....	11 60	500 00
Carpenter's Grove.....	.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	60	25 00	406 08	1000 00
Cherryville.....	150 00	13 70	9 40	14 48	2 00	3 00	1 00	6 00	180 00	1 50	.....	.....	500 00
Corinth.....	75 00	4 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	86	.....	84 86	500 00
Double Shoals.....	65 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	9 05	87 05	500 00
Double Springs.....	110 00	20 00	7 50	10 00	.....	2 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 25	9 35	161 10	700 00
Elizabeth.....	131 25	30 00	12 50	15 00	2 50	7 50	2 50	.....	.....	1 35	61 61	264 21	700 00
Grover.....	150 00	15 00	11 00	11 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	137 50	1 00	9 40	347 90	750 00
King's Mountain.....	300 00	8 00	3 00	8 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	410 00	1 50	.....	734 50	1300 00
Latimore.....	115 00	10 00	3 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	4 79	1 50	10 00	152 29	1000 00
Lawndale.....	147 91	10 00	10 37	20 00	5 00	127 95	6 69	.....	.....	60	4 67	333 19	.....
Mt. Sinai.....	.....	2 50	1 50	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	6 00	13 50	400 00
Mt. Vernon.....	.....	4 50	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	8 90	.....
Mt. Zion.....	75 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 09	7 00	94 09	200 00
New Bethel.....	357 20	35 54	36 12	41 00	13 65	52 70	8 85	48 85	.....	2 01	31 15	627 07	1000 00
New Hope.....	150 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	.....	6 00	2 00	.....	.....	2 00	5 50	183 50	1000 00
New Prospect.....	.....	8 00	5 00	5 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50	21 45	42 95	.....
Oak Grove.....	60 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 10	50	65 60	400 00
Patterson's Grove.....	100 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	.....	.....	50	6 50	116 50	600 00
Patterson's Station.....	60 00	2 50	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	40 00	75	.....	106 25	800 00
Pleasant Grove.....	110 00	7 00	5 00	7 00	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 50	18 25	152 75	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	100 00	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	1 09	6 00	118 00	1000 00
Poplar Springs.....	75 00	2 90	1 50	2 00	50	1 00	50	.....	.....	40	65 00	148 80	600 00
Ross' Grove.....	.....	4 00	2 00	4 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	15 00	.....	75	21 70	51 95	600 00
Sandy Plains.....	100 00	6 00	3 00	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 87	.....	117 87	600 00
Shady Grove.....	.....	3 00	2 00	2 00	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	9 45	245 00
Shelby.....	1000 00	127 05	79 73	89 75	10 00	60 67	5 00	79 55	42 45	2 50	1003 88	2500 58	7000 00
Waco.....	100 00	10 00	3 50	3 20	1 25	1 93	.....	.....	.....	1 54	21 07	142 49	800 00
Webb's Chapel.....	25 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	29 00	200 00
Zion.....	100 00	12 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 15	1 40	1 40	128 55	800 00
Zoar.....	100 00	8 00	50	.....	50	1 30	.....	.....	.....	1 05	6 46	117 81	800 00
	4226 91	393 19	234 12	281 43	50 90	309 55	47 19	179 40	816 74	40 13	1455 33	8034 89	25395 00

NOTE:—Zoar church reports \$21.58 for Foreign Missions direct.  
Oak Grove reports 50 cents for Associational Missions.



# Sunday School Statistics.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POSTOFFICES.		No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. Quarters and Lesson Helps Taken.	No. Volumes in Library.	School Expenses.	Contributions by School	Total Finances.
Beaver Dam .....	T P Hamrick, Shelby	N. C.	1	6	64	35	60	.....	\$ 6 00	\$ 6 00	\$ 12 00
Bethlehem.....	J F Herndon, King's Mountain	"	1	9	106	.....	125	.....	12 00	.....	12 00
Boiling Springs .....	E D Hamrick, Boiling Springs	"	1	8	90	50	90	.....	5 42	6 09	11 51
Casar .....	J L Leary, Casar	"	1	5	41	23	30	.....	3 16	.....	3 16
Carpenter's Grove.....	A B Peeler, Paso	"	1	4	54	30	5	.....	2 00	.....	2 00
Cherryville .....	B H Roberts, Cherryville	"	1	10	316	130	325	38	47 08	362 41	410 09
Corinth .....	P G Heafner, Plateau	"	1	9	44	30	40	.....	.....	2 90	2 90
Double Shoals .....	J M Green, Double Shoals.	"	1	5	60	50	60	.....	2 90	2 90	5 80
Double Springs .....	W J Jones, Lattimore	"	1	8	108	66	125	.....	16 46	26 95	43 41
Elizabeth.....	I B Allen, Shelby	"	1	9	146	73	150	.....	27 63	21 20	48 83
Grovet.....	A J Hughes, Grover	"	1	8	86	57	85	75	12 00	5 00	17 00
King's Mountain.....	T W Kendrick, King's Mt	"	1	12	114	85	150	.....	97 67	97 72	195 39
Lattimore .....	A M Lattimore, Lattimore	"	1	6	50	35	90	.....	12 00	.....	12 00
Mt. Sinai .....	B F Putnam, Cabot	"	1	10	36	30	120	.....	2 42	.....	2 42
Mt. Zion .....	A L Houser, Cherryville	"	1	6	75	45	50	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
New Bethel.....	Carme Elam, Cleveland Mills.	"	1	8	69	33	100	40	17 54	11 15	28 69
*Cleveland Mills.....	T J Ramseur,	"	2	6	75	33	.....	.....	12 20	11 71	23 91
New Hope .....	A E Bettis, Earl	"	1	5	108	70	84	.....	5 88	.....	5 88
New Prospect .....	D H Elliott, Waco	"	1	4	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oak Grove .....	M J Brown, Fancy	"	1	7	53	45	45	.....	3 00	.....	3 00
Patterson's Grove.....	N W Ross, King's Mountain	"	1	7	50	35	95	.....	8 00	.....	8 00
Patterson's Station.....	Geo Dover, Patterson Springs.	"	1	5	60	40	60	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	L A Wright, Beam's Mill	"	1	8	60	40	75	.....	5 00	.....	5 00
Pleasant Hill.....	Geo Dover, Patterson Springs.	"	1	5	50	40	50	.....	5 00	5 00	10 00
Poplar Springs .....	M D Moore, Kossie	"	1	8	60	40	60	.....	6 30	.....	6 30
Ross' Grove .....	A J Dedmon, Shelby	"	1	6	75	40	75	.....	7 50	.....	7 50
Sandy Plains.....	L S Jenkins, New House	"	1	5	69	45	.....	.....	3 05	.....	3 05
Shady Grove .....	W H Homesley, Cherryville	"	1	5	45	20	12	.....	2 25	.....	2 25
Shelby .....	Lander McBrayer, Shelby	"	1	32	369	226	380	.....	94 42	94 42	94 42
Waco .....	S L Dellinger, Waco.	"	1	7	48	40	70	.....	6 00	.....	6 00
Zoar .....	J M Wilson, Double Shoals	"	1	7	50	35	80	.....	4 00	.....	4 00
Zoar .....	S W Hughes, Shelby	"	1	8	.....	45	65	.....	16 95	.....	16 95
Total.....			32	248	2681	1566	2756	153	360 01	657 45	1017 46

NOTE:—Cherryville church reports 30 copies "Charity & Children," and Shady Grove 6 baptisms from school. Lawndale, Mt. Vernon and Webb's Chapel made no report.

\*Under supervision of New Bethel church.  
†W. P. Beam is Superintendent at Baptist Chapel, under supervision of Shelby church.

26 *Minutes of the King's Mountain Baptist Association.*

Table showing Time, Place, etc. from organization to present time.

Year.	Where Held.	Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1851	Double Springs	D Pannel.....	T Dixon.....	J R Logan..	
1852	New Bethel.....	J Suttle.....	"	"	
1853	Boiling Springs	G W Rollins.....	D Pannel.....	"	
1854	Mt. Sinai.....	D Pannel.....	"	"	
1855	Zion.....	G W Rollins.....	"	"	
1856	New Prospect.....	T Dixon.....	T Dixon.....	"	
1857	Big Springs.....	G W Rollins.....	G W Rollins	"	
1858	Olivet.....	J Suttle.....	"	J W Green..	
1859	Pleasant Hill.....	G W Rollins.....	L M Berry...	J R Logan...	
1860	High Shoals.....	L M Berry.....	"	"	
1861	Lincolnton.....	R P Logan.....	"	"	
1862	New Bethel.....	L M Berry.....	G W Rollins	"	
1863	Sandy Run.....	G W Rollins.....	"	"	
1864	Bethel, Ire. Co.	L M Berry.....	R P Logan...	"	
1865	Zoar.....	G W Rollins.....	"	"	
1866	Concord.....	P R Elam.....	R Poston.....	"	
1867	Thesalonica.....	J H Yarboro.....	J H Yarboro	G M Webb...	
1868	Mt. Paron.....	G M Webb.....	"	"	
1869	Double Springs	G W Rollins.....	G W Rollins	"	
1870	High Shoals.....	R P Logan.....	"	"	
1871	Bethel, Ire. Co.	G M Webb.....	T Dixon.....	"	
1872	Bethlehem.....	Wade Hill.....	"	"	
1873	Zion.....	G W Rollins.....	G W Rollins	B H Bridges	
1874	Sandy Run.....	Wade Hill.....	"	"	
1875	New Hope.....	T Dixon.....	T Dixon.....	L M Logan.	
1876	Sandy Plains.....	G W Rollins.....	"	"	
1877	Pleasant Hill.....	J H Yarboro.....	G W Rollins	"	
1878	Boiling Springs	A C Irvin.....	T Dixon.....	B H Bridges	B. H. Bridges.
1879	New Prospect.....	H Hatcher.....	A L Stough..	L M Logan..	
1880	Double Springs	P R Elam.....	T Dixon.....	"	
1881	Buffalo.....	W A Nelson.....	"	"	
1882	Bethel, R Co.....	A L Stough.....	J Y Hamrick	"	
1883	Pleasant Grove	G P Hamrick.....	"	"	
1884	Big Springs.....	A C Irvin.....	H F Schenck	"	T. D. Lattimore
1885	Grover.....	B W Bussey.....	"	D S Lovelace	"
1886	Beaver Dam.....	G M Webb.....	"	"	"
1887	New Bethel.....	J D Hufham.....	"	"	"
1888	High Shoals.....	J M McManaway	"	"	"
1889	Elizabeth.....	G P Hamrick.....	"	"	"
1890	Zion.....	J A Speight.....	"	"	"
1891	Waco.....	F C Hickson.....	"	"	"
1892	Gastonia.....	G P Hamrick.....	"	"	"
1893	Boiling Springs	J L Sproles.....	"	"	"
1894	Shelby.....	A C Irvin.....	"	"	"
1895	Bethlehem.....	J D Hufham.....	"	"	"
1896	Lattimore.....	G P Hamrick.....	"	"	"
1897	New Hope.....	A C Irvin.....	E Y Webb....	"	"
1898	Sandy Plains.....	T Dixon.....	"	"	"
1899	New Prospect.....	G M Webb.....	"	"	J F Williams
1900	Double Springs	R L Limrick.....	"	"	"
1901	Cherryville.....	T Dixon.....	"	"	T K Barnett



## HISTORY OF THE KING'S MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION.

BY E. Y. WEBB.

When the Broad River Association met at Sandy Run church on Oct. 17th, 1851, it contained in union the large number of 41 churches with a corresponding large number of members. We therefore find in the minutes of that Body at this session the following: "Granted the petitions of sundry churches, letters of dismission, viz:—Buffalo, Sandy Run, Zion, Wolf's Creek, Zoar, Double Springs, Bethel, Boiling Springs, Mt. Sinai, New Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Broad River, Beaver Dam and Pleasant Hill." These fourteen churches withdrew from the mother Association for the purpose of forming a new Association, with smaller bounds in order that the associational meetings might be more accessible. The Broad River had grown so large in both area and membership, that it was very difficult for men of age to reach the meetings, as it covered much territory both in North and South Carolina. There were at this time twenty ordained ministers in the Broad River Association.

Accordingly these withdrawing churches met at Double Springs church in their first session on Friday the 7th of November, 1851, for the purpose of organizing the new Association. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. D. Pannell from John 17 and part of first verse, "The hour is come." Rev. J. Suttle called the body to order and on motion Rev. T. Dixon was appointed temporary chairman or moderator and J. R. Logan, clerk. On motion the letter of dismission granted the churches by the Broad River Association was produced and read, the said churches were severally called, and their correspondence read, the names of their delegates enrolled, and the state of each minuted. Then a Constitution, rules of order, and abstract of principles were read and adopted. These abstract of principles, rules and constitution were so well and carefully drawn, that since that first session they have been changed very little during the past fifty years, but are almost identical with those which govern us now.

The body was now organized temporarily, and ready for permanent organization, whereupon by ballot Rev. T.

Dixon was elected the first moderator, and J. R. Logan the first clerk of the Body.

The Association was named King's Mountain after the historic Mountain upon which the great, decisive and turning battle was fought between the British and the Americans, during the Revolutionary war.

In those days it was customary to elect some member of the body to write a circular letter to be read and published, the design of the letter being, by careful study, to enlighten the members on some vital doctrine of the church. The practice has long since been discontinued, which fact in my opinion is to be regretted, for upon examination of these circular letters, it will be seen that they were prepared with much care and usually contained an exhaustive discussion of the topic assigned as the subject of the letter. So, at this first session J. R. Logan was elected to write the circular letter to be read at the next meeting, upon the subject, "The duty of church members toward each others." This is a vital subject, and even now should be discussed monthly by our ministers from their pulpits.

The total collection at this meeting was \$21.00, which was used for printing the minutes. At the organization there were only twelve churches, Buffalo, Sandy Run, Zion, Zoar, Double Springs, Bethel, Boiling Springs, Mt. Sinai, New Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Beaver Dam, and Pleasant Hill, containing 1325 members, and seven ordained ministers supplying the twelve churches.

The second meeting of the Association was held at New Bethel church, Friday Oct. 24, 1852, Rev. J. Suttle preached the introductory sermon from Mark 7:7, "Howbeit they in vain worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

Rev. T. Dixon was re-elected Moderator and John R. Logan clerk. High Shoals church from Green River and Mt. Vernon from the Catawba Associations joined the King's Mountain Association at this session. Contributions were \$22.38, baptisms for past year 128, joined by letter 83, total additions for the past year 211. Total membership with 15 churches, 1496.

The following resolution was adopted: "That the several churches composing this Association be requested to observe and set apart the 1st day of January next as a day of Thanksgiving, fasting and prayer, for the spread



of the gospel, the blessings of peace, and unrivaled piety, and that the several churches in our union be requested to meet at their respective meeting houses, and engage in Divine worship on that day."

The circular letter by J. R. Logan, read at this session, was one of great power and force, and would well repay any one to read it—on the duty of church members to each other.

The third annual session of the Association met with Boiling Springs church, on Friday October 21, 1853, and days following. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Rollins from Cor. 12:27. Mt. Paran and Corinth, recently constituted churches joined the Association at this session, making number of churches in union, 18. Big Springs was also admitted to membership. Rev. D. Pannell was elected moderator, and J. R. Logan clerk. Correspondence with other Associations by committee was dispensed with and the practice of appointing certain members to write certain Associations was adopted. Contributions at this session were \$26.92. Accessions during past year, by baptism, 132, letter 34, total 166.

The following resolution was adopted, viz: "That this Association, assuming to be nothing above an advisory council, with a view to the advancement of good order and religion, earnestly recommend to the churches composing the same, by all prudent means, to dissuade the members of our denomination from the promiscuous making and vending spiritous liquors."

Also the following: "Resolved that this Association will appoint two ministers to labor, each one month or more, in the destitute section of country North East of this Association, extending as far as the Catawba River, and that they be paid the sum of twenty dollars per month by the Association." Accordingly Revs. D. Pannell and J. Suttle were appointed the first associational missionaries, and thereupon twenty dollars was raised in the body for this purpose.

The fourth annual meeting of the Association met with Mt. Sinai, Friday Oct. 20th and days following, 1854, and after the sermon by Rev. D. Pannell, from Eph. 2: 19, Sandy Plains and New Prospect, recently constituted, and Bethlehem and Long Creek, dismissed by request from Broad River Association joined the body. Rev. D. Pannell was elected moderator and J. R. Logan clerk. The body advised that when a person desires to join

church, but who on another occasion has been baptized, but says that he was then deceived, but that now he is genuinely converted, that the church should receive him but should also baptize him again. At this session it was first ordered that the public collection after the Sunday sermon by Rev. L. M. McCurry should be given for missions. The subject of the minister was "Missions," and after his sermon twenty dollars was collected for Domestic and 60 cents for Foreign Missions. The Association now has 22 churches and 2097 members, having baptized during the last year 277, and received by letter 55, making total additions 332, with total contributions, \$33.83.

The fifth annual session of the Association convened with Zion church on Oct. 26th and days following 1855, the sermon being preached by Rev. G. W. Rollins from Heb. 12 :1-2. Walls church from Broad River Association, St. Johns from Catawba, and Lebanon. a newly constituted church joined the Body at this session. Rev. T. Dixon and J. R. Logan were elected Moderator and clerk respectively. Rev. Wade Hill was elected to preach a missionary sermon at eleven a. m. Sunday, at which \$31.36 was collected for Domestic Missions. A strong report was submitted to the Body in favor of Sunday Schools, urging every church to organize a school, and requesting each superintendent to report the progress of his school to this Body. At this session of the Association there were in union 26 churches, with a membership of 2238, having baptized during the past year 81 and received by letter 84, and contributions at this session were \$33.49.

The 6th session of the Body met with New Prospect church, Oct. 24, 1856. Sermon by Rev. T. Dixon from 1st Epistel of Peter 2:5. Reading clerks were first appointed at this session. Shelby, dismissed from Broad River and Concord from Green River and Thesalonica from Catawba, joined the Association at this session. Rev. T. Dixon and J. R. Logan were again elected moderator and clerk respectively. The first appointment of a committee on Sabbath Schools was made at this session. Circular letter by Rev. A. J. Cansler was to be written for next session on "The design of the Lord's Supper and the rightful recipients thereof." Rev. A. J. Cansler preached the missionary sermon and a collection of \$38.12 was taken for Catawba Valley Missions.



The following resolution was adopted at this session :  
"Resolved, That we as a denomination believe that the church is composed of spiritual believers, therefore we look upon the practice, of making, buying, selling, or using spirituous liquors as a beverage a very great evil, therefore we recommend our churches to use all laudable means to suppress the same."

Also the following: "Resolved that this Association, acting as an advisory council in matters pertaining to the best interest of the churches in a religious point of view, will therefore repudiate and at all times discourage practices (on the part of Baptists) of frivolity—or in other words civil mirth, falsely so-called, whether in the form of gaming, dancing or playing at parties—and hereby caution our churches to be ware of practices so well calculated to amalgamate the church with the world."

It would be interesting to know how many of our present churches are adhering to this advice given by the fathers in those early days of this great Body.

The cause of missions received much attention at this session and each church was urged by resolution to take up a public collection during the coming year and send up to the Association to be expended as the Association thought best. Collections amounted at this session to \$37.16 for minutes and \$5 for missions. The Body is now composed of 29 churches with a membership of 2599, having baptized during the past year the large number of 233 and received by letter 69, making total additions 302.

The 7th session convened at Big Springs church on Friday Oct. 23 and days following 1857, the sermon being preached by Rev. G. W. Rollins, from Phil. 2:5. Rev. G. W. Rollins was elected moderator and John R. Logan clerk. The presence of Elder L. M. Berry, the agent of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was noted and he was received and extended the courtesies of the Body. Rev. J. S. Ezell preached the Missionary sermon on the Sabbath. Circular letter by Rev. A. J. Cansler was read and adopted. Paid in for minutes \$37.50, and for domestic missions \$40.02. Churches were advised to require of each member dismissed by letter to return the letter in six months endorsed by the clerk of some other church joined by them, such fact, and unless so endorsed in such time, the member was to be no longer in fellowship. The

membership has now grown to 2648, with 29 churches, having baptized during the past year 188, and received a good number by letter.

The 8th session met at Olivet church in Catawba county, on Friday Oct. 22, 1858 and days following. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. Suttle from John 16:38, "What is truth?" The letter and delegates from Shelby church were rejected temporarily for the reason that said church was reported to have allowed Pedo-Baptists to preach in the church; but later this report was found to be groundless and the letter and delegates received. Rev. Wade Hill preached Missionary sermon on Sunday after which \$22.23 was collected for missions. A motion that this Body become an auxiliary to the Western Convention, was lost. For missions in Catawba Valley \$101 was subscribed. At this session the first committee on Periodicals was appointed, and this important committee has been appointed yearly since. This session finds the Body composed of 29 churches with 2607 members, having baptized during the past year 352 and received 100 by letter.

The 9th session met with Pleasant Hill on Friday Oct. 21, 1859 and days following. Rev. G. W. Rollins preached the sermon from 1st Pet. 2:21. Lincolnton joined, being just recently constituted. The first committee on Temperance was appointed at this session, also first appointment of committee on state of religion amongst the churches. Elder Suttle read circular letter on Family Prayer, which was adopted by the Body. Broad River church was dissolved on account of there being no male members in it, and her name was stricken from the list of churches. \$40.38 was collected for minutes, and \$11.50 for missions. Rev. Wade Hill preached missionary sermon, and took up collection of \$36.32 for missions.

The following resolution was adopted: "That the difficulties reported in last year's minutes as existing in the Shelby church, have been removed by said church, adopting the advice given her by the council called there to investigate the same."

Also the following very important resolution was adopted, which is the resolution that soon caused a division in the Association, viz: "Resolved that whereas our Association adopted the report of the committee on temperance, therefore we will withdraw ourselves from any



church in our union which holds a member or members who buys, sells, or drinks as a common beverage, any kind of intoxicating spirits." This resolution was unanimously adopted.

Next year when the moderator was applying this resolution to each church as she presented her letter to the Association, some failing to measure up to it, were rejected, which raised quite a storm among some of the members, among them being some ministers, and these very same members and ministers were present at this session and never objected to the passage of the resolution. But we shall see more of this matter later.

Again the motion was made to make this Body a part of the Western Convention and was lost by a tie vote. The Shelby church was granted a letter of dismission. The Body is now composed of 30 churches, and 3069 members, having received by letter and baptism since last session 272 members.

The 10th and stormiest session ever held in the history of the Body was held at High Shoals church, Rutherford county, Oct. 26, 1860 and days following. The temperance resolution adopted as the last session at Pleasant Hill produced the discord which caused a division in the Association. So, at this session, after the sermon by Rev. L. M. Berry, from Romans 14:19, the roll of the churches was called, and on account of not having carried out the resolution of last session in regard to temperance, the letters of the following churches were rejected and laid on the table: Zion, Double Springs, Bethel, New Bethel, Beaver Dam, High Shoals, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Paron, Sandy Plains, New Prospect, Walls, Concord. Zion Hill church from Green River Association then joined the body. The moderator's ruling adhering strictly to the resolution which was unanimously adopted at the last session, caused a great stir in the body when the letters of the above named churches were laid on the table. But, under the circumstances, with about half of the churches formerly in union rejected for the present, the body organized by electing Rev. L. M. Berry and J. R. Logan, Moderator and Clerk, respectively. Five members of the body were appointed to go to Walls church and examine into the existing conditions there, as a memorial was sent to the body by some of the members stating that they had done all they could to carry out the temperance resolution referred to, and this committee

were to examine into the matter, and to reconcile matters if possible, but if not, then to declare those who were trying to carry out the resolution, the church at Walls. After considerable debate, it was decided by the body that "in consequence of the present uncertain position of the churches at Double Springs, High Shoals and Mt. Paran, it would not be proper to receive their delegates at this session; but prayerfully commend the subject of temperance to their consideration, hoping they may be disposed to reflect more deeply upon it, and place themselves in a more proper attitude for reception at the next meeting of this Association."

The churches at New Bethel, Mt. Vernon and New Prospect, evincing a determination to carry out the resolution of this body on temperance, were indulged until the next session, and thereupon their delegates were received. Rev. Wade Hill preached on Sunday, after which a collection of \$18.93 was taken. The clerk in the minutes says that this sermon created quite a sensation in the large and well ordered congregation. The circular letter by Rev. L. M. Berry was read and adopted, on "The design and authority of the Association, and the true relations existing between them and the churches they represent." A new constitution was reported and adopted by a vote of 25 to 6.

On Saturday morning when the delegates assembled on the church ground they found that the church had been securely locked by the anti-temperance wing. The delegates were therefore compelled to assemble at the stand where they transacted the business of the Association in the rain. On Sunday morning, however, the church was unlocked and the body assembled there as usual. No doubt, the anti-temperance wing of the body grew ashamed of their action on Saturday, and gladly opened the doors on Sunday.

On Monday morning a motion was made to reconsider the vote by which Mt. Paran and High Shoals were rejected, and upon pledges given by their delegates they were received into the union.

The standing of Beaver Dam, Bethel and Sandy Plains was considered and withdrawn from, for their utter rejection of the temperance resolution, also Walls was withdrawn from. The Moderator had presided so well and guided the body so ably and successfully through all the various motions and difficult points of order, that at



the end of the session a vote of thanks was voted him by the body. Thus ended a memorable session of the Association, and one which resulted in a division which lasted for four years, but finally the seceding churches came back to the mother Association and nothing of the kind has since happened to mar the pleasure of the sessions. At this session \$102 was subscribed for domestic missions. Baptized during the past year 110, by letter 58, making a total of 2776.

The 11th session met on Friday, Oct. 25th, 1861, and days following, with Lincolnton church, and with fewer churches in union, but with more christian harmony. There were present only 22 churches with a membership of 1967. Rev. R. P. Logan preached the introductory sermon from John 3:7. Bethel, a new church in Iredell county joined. Rev. L. M. Berry and J. R. Logan were re-elected moderator and clerk respectively. On Friday afternoon the Association adjourned to meet next morning at 9 o'clock to spend 30 minutes in solemn prayer in behalf of the soldiers then engaged in defending the rights and liberties of the Southern people. The Methodist and Presbyterian friends tendered the use of their houses of worship for Sunday which were cordially accepted and preaching held in each of said churches. The first appointment of committee on obituaries was made at this session. Circular letter by G. W. Rollins was read and adopted. The final reading of the new constitution, as it was called, was adopted by a vote of 16 to 13.

Zion church petitioned for a letter of dismission, but not giving satisfactory statements on the temperance question, the letter was withheld. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas at the last session of this body we were from a sense of duty constrained to withdraw from the churches at Bethel, Beaver Dam and Sandy Plains by reason of their refusal to adopt and carry out the principles of temperance as embodied in the resolution adopted by this body at its session of 1859, and whereas since our last session the churches at Boiling Springs, Mt. Sinai, Mt. Pleasant, High Shoals, and Mt. Paran have rent off from our union, and leagued with those churches already withdrawn from, for the ostensible object or purpose of forming themselves into a separate association with anti-temperance proclivities; which act,

if consummated, will be irregular and contrary to the usages of Baptists in good order and orthodox standing.

Therefore be it resolved by this association, that the churches above named in such new and spurious organization shall be no longer recognized by this body as orthodox, and we hereby ignore all intercourse and christian correspondence with them for the future while they remain disorderly and caution our sister associations with whom we correspond to hold them at a distance as a heterodox and disorderly body."

As was expected and expressed in the above resolution, the seceding churches did meet at Bethel church and formed an association which lasted for four years, but never did much work or good, for the other associations never corresponded with or recognized them, but regarded them as an insurgent body. During the four years existence of this insurgent body, which called itself The Constitutional King's Mountain Association, there were only three ministers who supplied the ten churches which composed the body, with only 778 members.

Before adjourning the body passed unanimously a resolution thanking the Almighty God for the recent victories of our soldiers in the field, and setting apart the 25th of Dec. and 1st of Jan. next as special days for thanksgiving and prayer in the respective churches composing the Association.

The 12th Annual Session convened with New Bethel at the usual time in 1862, Rev. L. M. Berry preaching the sermon from 1st Peter 1:15 and 16. Rev. G. W. Rollins and J. R. Logan were elected moderator and clerk respectively. Rev. L. M. Berry introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that the true intent and spirit of their resolution on temperance, passed at the session of 1859, is intended to prohibit members from making, or having made by others for medicinal purposes any ardent spirits, or to vend or use the same in any sense as a beverage."

The following was also adopted: "Whereas a large number of our brethren and citizens of the country are now upon the tented fields engaged in the defense of our rights, while many of their families are doubtless suffering, or will suffer, for the wants of life, caused by the high prices produced by speculators, unless something be done to prevent so sad a state of things. Resolved, there-



fore that we very much deprecate the course of speculators and regard them as worse enemies than the Yankee abolitionist of the North, and hope the Legislature of North Carolina will take some steps to put a stop to their operations, by regulating or reducing the prices of the necessaries of life. To procure relief from suffering occasioned, thereby this resolution is intended as a petition to memorialize the General Assembly of the State. Buffalo, New Prospect, St. Johns dismissed by request.

Before adjourning the following resolution was adopted without a dissenting vote: "Resolved that we celebrate the 1st Sunday in Dec. and the 1st Sunday in Jan. next, as days of fasting, humiliation and prayer for the cause of our country and its army, now engaged in the defence of our liberties, that God may bless and prosper them." With bodies like this all over the country praying for the success of the Confederate cause, it is no wonder that our armies scarcely ever suffered a defeat.

This session closed with 21 churches in union and a membership of 1878.

The 13th session in 1863 was held with Sandy Run church. The sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Rollins, from Lam. 3:40, after which sermon, Rev. G. W. Rollins was elected moderator and J. R. Logan clerk. The Sabbath collection amounted to \$671.50, the largest on record.

The time of holding the association was changed so as to embrace the 3rd Sabbath in September. instead of Oct., as heretofore. Twenty churches now constituted the Body, with 1956 members.

The 14th session was held with Bethel, Iredell county, 1864. Rev. L. M. Berry preached the sermon from 133 Psalm, and 1st verse, after which R. P. Logan was elected moderator and J. R. Logan clerk. The Body is now composed of 17 churches with 1226 members. For the past four years the war had made sad ravages into the membership of the association.

The following resolution was adopted in regard to forming Sunday Schools: "Resolved that we will appoint Elder G. M. Webb to preach and to organize Sunday Schools in all the churches he may be able to, and collect whatever funds he may be able to for services rendered, and report the result of his operations to the next session of the Association."

A circular letter prepared by Elder Gabriel Phillips

for the Broad River Association on the subject of Intemperance was read and adopted by the Association for this year, Elder R. Poston failing to prepare one.

The 15th session of 1865 met with Zoar church, and after the sermon by Rev. G. W. Rollins, the Body organized by electing Rev. R. P. Logan moderator and J. R. Logan clerk.

It has now been four years since the discordant wing of the body left the mother association, and there was a spirit manifested by both the regular association and the insurgent body, to reconcile differences and come back together as in former days. Zoar, with whom the Body was now meeting, seems to have been the peacemaker, as she handed up to the Body the following query, which was the beginning of the reconciliation which afterwards took place, viz: "Would it not be conducive to the interests of religion and the general cause of Christ within the bounds of the King's Mountain Association, for said body to labor with and if possible take such measures as may be calculated to restore harmony and fellowship with those churches once constituent members of the association, who probably by reason of an honest difference of opinion on the subject of temperance, have seceded from the body?" The following answer was given to the query by the body, it having been prepared by a committee and adopted by the association, viz: That it would be right and proper to labor with the brethren referred to and if possible obtain a reconciliation according to Gospel principles, and should any of said churches return to us we will cordially receive them, or refer the matter to a committee of disinterested brethren in good standing outside of both bodies, for adjustment, and abide by their decision.

The body now ignores a former definition of the temperance resolution in the following language: Resolved that this body ignores the definition given to the temperance resolution at the session held at New Bethel, believing that passed at Pleasant Hill in 1859 amply sufficient. It will thus be seen that the body was determined to carry out the original resolution in both spirit and language, and to take no backward step on temperance, and ever since that day this body has been a power in the cause of sobriety. The body adjourned with 16 churches in union and 1502 members.

Concord church entertained the 16th session of the



association, on Sept. 14th and days following, 1866. After the sermon by Rev. P. R. Elam from the 11th verse of the 84th Psalm, the body organized and elected Rev. R. Poston moderator and J. R. Logan clerk. C. Durham, then a licentiate, was invited to a seat in the body. At this session some members from the withdrawing wing of the association presented through Rev. D. Pannel, a member of the regular body a memorial touching the differences between the two bodies. It appeared from many sources that there was a decided disposition among the insurgent members to come back to the regular body, and hence a resolution was adopted by the association asking each church in both wings of the association to appoint two members or delegates, which members or delegates were to meet in convention at Zoar church on Oct. 26th, and see if a peaceful reconciliation could be effected. Accordingly two delegates from each church in both associations met according to date fixed at Zoar, the delegates from the regular body organized themselves and the delegates from the insurgent or seceding wing did likewise. The regular delegates met at the stand, and the seceding delegates met in the house, and for some time messengers were hastening backward and forward from each meeting carrying whatever message or resolution that each wing had adopted. On Saturday the 27th both wings met in the house, the regular wing occupying the seats on the right of the pulpit, and the seceding wing on the left. Rev. L. M. Berry was chairman of the regular division, and Rev. G. M. Webb was secretary. After some discussion and prayer, a resolution was introduced by the chairman, which was conciliatory, stating that both wings had erred, and that the seceding wing should accept her part of the blame for the rupture on account of not having objected to the temperance resolution when it was first adopted. The regular wing admitted that they had acted unconstitutionally. After these mutual concessions, the two wings were declared united and everything should pass on in the future as if no division had ever occurred. The admission that the regular association had acted unconstitutionally is a little singular, for it is only an admission, but can not be accepted as a fact, for it must be known of all men that every deliberative body is the exclusive judge of the qualifications of the members who make the body. Not only this, but the constitution under which this reso-

lution was adopted, gave the body the perfect right to pass such a resolution, and to be the sole judge of the delegates and churches who should compose the association. If this were not so all bodies would be helpless to purge themselves of bad or discordant members, but such would be left to worry and nag the body to its death.

However, by making these mutual concession and admissions, the greatest trouble that ever arose in this body was settled, and the wisdom of the re-union has been strikingly shown during subsequent years, by the steady growth and prosperity of the body.

The regular association at this session was composed of 16 churches with 1673 members, having baptized during the past year 233.

On Sept. 13th and days following 1867, the united association met in its 17th session with Thesalonica, in Catawba county. After the sermon by Rev. J. H. Yarboro, he was elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. The text of the sermon was from 2nd Kings, 5th chapter 29th verse. The report of the committee on mission was, after much discussion, rejected, but the body passed a resolution asking all the churches to hereafter send in free will offerings for missions after recovering from the shock and desolation of the war. This session found the body composed of 25 churches with 2593 members, and contributions of \$44.35. At the close of the session a great scene was witnessed. It being a re-union in deed the right hand of fellowship was given by all the delegates present and other members of the churches, and thus the coalescence or re-union of estranged brethren and divided churches was complete.

The 18th session met with Mt. Paran, Friday Sept. 18th, 1868, and after the sermon by Rev. G. M. Webb from Leviticus 16:34, Rev. J. H. Yarboro was elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. The presence of J. H. Mills, editor of the Biblical Recorder was noted. The time for holding the Association was changed to Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. in each year. The committee on missions reported that it was with sadness that they had noted the declension in the cause of missions, but that it was from the depressed circumstances of the country and the members of the association, and not from lack of good feeling and zeal for the cause of missions, and expressed a desire to see the cause of missions revive again. Collections during this session,



\$37.40, additions to the churches during past year by letter and baptism, 273, with 25 churches still in union.

Double Springs, the birth place of the association, again entertained the body in its 19th session on Sept. 24th and days following, 1869. After the sermon by Rev. G. W. Rollins, from John 9:4, G. W. Rollins was again elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. The committee on temperance was revived and presented a very good report thereon. The query as to what should be done with a member who could, but would not pay his honest debts, was laid on the table, for some reason not set forth in the minutes. It would be interesting to hear this question discussed at the present day. Prof. Walters attended this session and secured a collection of \$57.35 for beneficiaries at Wake Forest College. The circular letter by Rev. G. M. Webb on "The Design of Baptism," was read and adopted. At this session the practice of writing circular letters was discontinued, which action in my opinion is to be regretted for the reasons stated in the beginning of this history. Collection after the speech of Prof. Walters for state missions amounted to \$7.50. The first appointment of delegates to the State Convention was made at this time, the delegates being J. H. Yarboro, G. M. Webb, P. R. Elam, L. C. Ezell, A. A. McSwain and J. J. Hicks. Finance for minutes amounted to \$40.50. The union still has 25 churches with 2713 members, having been 277 additions by letter and baptisms during past year.

The 20th session met with High Shoals church in Rutherford county, Friday Sept. 23rd and days following 1870, and after the sermon by Rev. R. P. Logan from Mark 4:24, Rev. G. W. Rollins was elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. After much discussion it was agreed to continue writing circular letters, and J. H. Yarboro was elected to write the next one. No missionary sermon had been preached at the stand since the beginning of the War, until this session and Rev. J. C. Grayson was elected to preach it. After which \$25, was collected. The practice of churches pledging for certain objects began at this session, and \$117 was pledged for missions by the various churches. A missionary board was also appointed to employ ministers to labor in the bounds of the association. The union is still composed of 25 churches, with 2825 members, having baptized since last session 206 and received by letter 73.

Bethel, in Iredell county, entertained the 21st session of the association, on Friday Sept. 22 and days following 1871. After the sermon by Rev. G. M. Webb from 1st Thess. 5:6, "Let us not sleep etc.," Capernaum, Shelby and New Prospect joined, all having been dismissed by request from the Broad River Association to join the King's Mountain. Thereupon Rev. T. Dixon was elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. Dr. J. B. \_\_\_\_\_, now president of our State Convention and Rev. J. D. Hufham were present at this session. The 8th Art. of the abstract of principles was slightly changed, more in word than in meaning, however. The 12th Art. was stricken out as surplusage. Rev. J. D. Hufham preached the missionary sermon on Sunday and took up a collection of \$24.85. For minutes \$39.43. It was agreed to hereafter co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in the work of missions, and all delegates were urged to present the subject of missions to their churches, and endeavor to secure the adoption of some systematic plan of raising funds for missions. Three churches having joined, makes the union consist of 28 churches with 2892 members and 172 additions for the past year.

The 22nd session convened with Bethlehem on Sept. 20, 1872, and after the sermon by Rev. Wade Hill from Mark 16:15, Rev. T. Dixon was elected moderator and Rev. G. M. Webb clerk. The presence of Dr. Hufham is again noted, as he was then Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention. Mt. Zion church joined, making 29 churches in union with 3250 members, 192 baptisms and 77 additions by letter for past year. Rev. C. Durham, then of Pamlico Association and afterwards the able Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Convention, was present at this session. A. C. Dixon was appointed a delegate to the State Convention. Revs. J. D. Hufham and C. Durham preached the missionary sermon, on Sunday and took collection of \$43.20. Corinth by request was dismissed to join Catawba Association. We find the following note in the minutes of that session, which explains very vividly the condition of affairs which then surrounded the good people of the country: "While the association was engaged in considering the importance of sending the gospel to the world, the body was thrown into great confusion by the sudden appearance and curses of one Newton Long, who in a state of intoxication, came to the church yard with a body of U.



S. Cavalry and by their disorderly conduct created such excitement that the Association dispersed without formal adjournment. When the delegates departed for their homes they found the roads leading from the church, guarded by the soldiers, and it was only after considerable delay that they were allowed to proceed."

The 23rd session met with Zion, Friday, Sept. 26th and days following 1873, and after the sermon by Rev. G. W. Rollins from Jude 3rd verse, the body organized by electing Rev. G. W. Rollins moderator and B. H. Bridges clerk. Antioch church then joined the body, making still 29 churches in the union, with 3579 members, having baptized 303, and received 81 by letter during the past year. The practice of writing letters to sister associations was suspended. \$96 was raised for beneficiaries at Wake Forest. Revs. C. B. Justice and Wade Hill preached on Sunday and took collection of \$32.45 for home missions and \$35.80 for foreign missions. Churches sent up for State missions \$26.65. Contributions for foreign missions were for the first time sent up at this session amounting to \$4.95. The first committee on education was appointed at this session. At this session, Bethel of Iredel county by request was dismissed. Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in November was set apart for prayer and thanksgiving for the abundant crops and great revivals. The subject of missions was again by resolution urged upon the churches.

Sandy Run church entertained the body in its 24th session, beginning Friday Sept. 25, 1875, and Rev. Wade Hill again preached the sermon from Isaiah 62:6, after which Rev. G. W. Rollins was again elected moderator and B. H. Bridges clerk. New Hope, a new church, joined the body, making 29 churches still composing the body with 3840 members, having baptized last year 293 and received by letter 90. Rev. G. M. Webb, by appointment from last session, preached the missionary sermon on Sunday, after which a collection of \$46.50 was taken. The various churches pledged \$62.50 for missions. The churches sent up to this session \$75 for missions, showing that the spirit of missions is gradually growing and contributions increasing from year to year.

Though New Hope had just joined at the last session, she secured the meeting of the 25th session on the 24th of Sept. and days following 1875. Rev. T. Dixon preached the sermon from John 14:6, after which he was

again elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. After organizing, Buffalo from Broad River Association joined this body, making thirty churches now in union with a membership of 4019, having added to the churches 284 by letter and by baptism. Lincolnton was dismissed by request. Shiloh colored Association requested ministerial aid of the association and Revs. T. Dixon and G. M. Webb were appointed to preach according to request. Rev. Wade Hill preached the missionary sermon on Sunday after which \$53.45 was collected. The temperance committee reports that the churches have rid themselves of distillers and retailers. Collections amounting to \$16 for Home, and \$73.65 for general missions, and \$32 pledged for beneficiaries at Wake Forest.

An uneventful session was the 26th which met with Sandy Plains on Sept. 22, 1876. After the sermon by Rev. G. W. Rollins from Luke 24:46, 47 Rev. T. Dixon was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. For the first time the order of business is printed in the minutes, and the first appointment of committee on time and place, and the first mention in the report of Indian missions. Rev. G. M. Webb preached the missionary sermon and took up a collection of \$52.51. On motion of Rev. G. M. Webb one member from each church was appointed to meet in Shelby and make effort to establish a female college in the bounds of the Association. Missions were again urged upon the churches. Baptized last year 285, received by letter 103, making the total membership of the 29 churches in union 4327.

Pleasant Hill entertained the 27th session, beginning Friday, Sept. 21st, and days following, 1877. After the sermon by Rev. J. H. Yarboro from Acts 12:8, Rev. G. W. Rollins was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. Gastonia church joins at this session, making 30 churches now in union with 4424 members, having baptized 203, and received by letter 111 during past year. The missionary sermon was preached by Rev. P. R. Elam, after which a collection of \$32.85 was taken. A resolution was passed urging the establishment of King's Mountain Female College, and but for the jealousies and suspicions of some of the brethren as to the desire of some as to the location of such a college, the enterprise would have succeeded, but division of a house always causes it to fall, and so division, caused this great undertaking to fall through. Mt. Olivet was dismissed by request. The



churches sent up \$64 for State and \$32.45 for Foreign missions.

The 28th session met with Boiling Springs on Sept. 20th 1878, and after the sermon by Rev. A. C. Irvin from Micha 4:2, Revs. T. Dixon was elected moderator and B. H. Bridges clerk. This body created the office of Associational treasurer and Rev. B. H. Bridges was elected the first treasurer, and the board of missions was discontinued. Rev. A. L. Stough preached the missionary sermon and took collection of \$41.79. There are now 29 churches in union, with 4522 members, having baptized 141 and received by letter 138 during past year. The churches sent up \$169.85 for State, Home and Foreign missions.

Friday, Sept. 26th 1879 found the association gathered at New Prospect, and after the sermon by Rev. Harvey Hatcher from John 10:27, Rev. A. L. Stough was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. Thereupon Pleasant Grove and State Line, both new churches, joined, making 32 churches now in union with 4767 members, having baptized 335 and received by letter 161, making total of 496 additions during past year. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, President of Wake Forest College was present at this session. Shiloh colored association again called for ministerial aid, and the body appointed Revs. G. M. Webb and R. Poston to minister to the colored brethren. Rev. J. A. White preached the missionary sermon, collection amounting to \$41.20. Thesalonica was dismissed by request. Rev. B. H. Bridges was again elected treasurer. The churches gave \$80.85 for State, Home and Foreign missions.

On Friday, Sept. 24th 1880, the birth-place of the body welcomed the 30th session. I imagine Double Springs hardly knew the organization now, for instead of having only 1325 members, she now has 5277 and 32 churches, having baptized during past year 491 and received by letter 208, making total addition 699, the largest yearly additions yet recorded; Long Creek and Dallas joining at this session increased the number of churches to 32. After the sermon by Rev. P. R. Eleam, from 1st Cor. 31st verse, Rev. T. Dixon was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. Dr. W. A. Nelson preached the missionary sermon and took up collection of \$80 for missions. T. D. Lattimore was elected treasurer. The churches gave \$227.48 for State and Foreign

missions and education.

The 31st session convened with Buffalo on Friday, Sept. 23rd 1881, and after the sermon by Dr. W. A. Nelson from Numbers 13:30, Rev. T. Dixon was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. The first appointment of separate committees on Home, Foreign and Indian missions was made at this session. The time of holding the meetings of the association was changed to Thursday instead of Friday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. The temperance committee urges all the churches to discontinuance the use, manufacture and sale of whiskey in any manner, as fraught with many and great evils. A collection of \$103.25 was taken to aid seven young ministers at Wake Forest College. A resolution was adopted making all ordained ministers of the King's Mountain Association hereafter, ex-officio members of this body. An effort was made to pass such a resolution in the earlier days of the association, it failed. However, there has been no effort to recind this resolution since 1881, but all seem to agree that it was proper that such should be adopted, and there has been no complaint on account thereof since. Dr. W. A. Nelson again preached the missionary sermon, collecting \$50 for missions. The body still consists of 32 churches with 5473 members, having baptized 379 and received by letter 185 during the past year, making total additions 564.

The 32nd session met with Bethel, in Rutherford county, Thursday, Sept. 21st 1882 and days following, and after the sermon by Rev. A. L. Stough from the 5th and 6th verses of the 137 Psalm, J. Y. Hamrick was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk. Thereupon Fair View, Shady Grove, Leonard's Fork, Ross' Grove, Zion Hill joined the body, making 37 churches present with 5676 members, having baptized 383 and received by letter 227, making total additions for past year 610. T. D. Lattimore was elected treasurer again. Rev. R. D. Mallory preached the missionary sermon after which \$25.75 was collected for associational missions. Contributions from the churches for associational missions \$229.62, State \$63.50, Home and Indian \$37.07, Foreign \$107.60, Education \$66, Minutes \$57.75. Total paid out for all purposes during and for past year, \$5726.69.

The 33rd session met with Pleasant Grove Thursday Sept. 20th 1883, and after the sermon by Rev. G. P. Hamrick from Ecl. 9:41, Messrs. J. Y. Hamrick, L. M.



Logan and T. D. Lattimore were elected moderator, clerk and treasurer respectively. Elizabeth and Corinth joined the body, making now 39 churches present with 5914 members having received during past year by letter and baptism 657. \$350 was raised for the Shelby Female College, then run by Rev. R. D. Mallory. A resolution was adopted expressing the sense of the body that churches should withdraw fellowship from book-keepers in government distilleries. After the missionary sermon by Rev. R. D. Mallory, a collection of \$23.36 was taken up. The association gave \$652.42 for missions and education. Total amount expended during past year \$5765.78.

Big Spring entertained the 34th session beginning Thursday Sept. 25th 1884. Rev. A. C. Irvin preached the sermon from Eph. 2:10, after which Maj. H. F. Schenck was elected moderator and L. M. Logan clerk and T. D. Lattimore treasurer. Dr. C. E. Taylor, now president of Wake Forest College was present at this session. Antioch and Mt. Pleasant were dismissed at their own request. In regard to the advisability of establishing a Baptist Orphanage, the association answered that it was not prepared at present to give an answer. At this session occurred the first appointment of a committee on ministerial support. The committees on obituaries reported the death of John R. Logan, the venerable and able clerk of this body for so many years, as will appear from this history. He fell dead suddenly and peacefully in the field, while attending to his farm. This great and good man both in matters of religion and State has left us a history of this body up to the year 1880, which is well written and carefully compiled. He was 73 years old when the Master took him. Rev. A. L. Stough preached on Sunday after which \$27.05 was collected for missions. The additions by baptism and letter for past year were 450, making total membership at this session 6053 with 40 churches, with total contributions for State, Foreign, Home and Indian missions \$338.79.

The 35th session met with State Line church Thursday Sept. 24th 1885, and days following, and after the sermon by Rev. B. W. Bussey from Jer. 44:16, the body elected Messrs. H. F. Schenck, D. S. Lovelace and T. D. Lattimore, moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively, and it will be noticed that these three officers served the body continuously together until 1897. Union and Paterson Grove joined the body at this session, making still

40 churches with 5909 members, having added by letter and baptism during past year 500 members. Dr. T. Whitfield, of the Foreign Mission Board, J. W. Wildham, of the Home Mission Board, and John E. Ray, of the State Convention, the Corresponding Secretary, were all present at this session, and the body passed a resolution that this association would try during the next year to raise at least five cents per member for missions. Rev. R. T. Vann preached the missionary sermon on the Sabbath and raised \$29.56 for missions. Rev. R. D. Mallo-ry assisted Rev. Mr. Vann. Total amount given by the association for mission at this session \$258.64. Total given by the churches for past year for all religious purposes \$4829.82.

The 36th session assembled at Beaver Dam, Sept. 23, 1886 and days following, and after the sermon by Rev. G. M. Webb, from Luke 19:10, Messrs. H. F. Schenck, D. S. Lovelace and T. D. Lattimore were elected moderator, clerk and treasurer respectively. A committee on Woman's missions was appointed at this session. The churches pledged for State missions \$234, for Education \$113. A committee on Baptist Orphanage was appointed and \$28.50 was raised for the Orphanage. Rev. C. Durham was present representing the Orphanage, and the body passed a resolution heartily endorsing the Orphanage and urging the churches to contribute regularly to it, as much so as to missions and education. The ladies met in the academy to consider missions and were addressed by Dr. Nelson. Dr. W. A. Nelson and C. Durham preached missionary sermons, and took up collection of \$31.40. The session raised \$350.94 for missions, total contributions for the past year being \$7924.31, with 40 churches and 6194 members, having baptized 423 and received by letter 315 during past year, making total additions 738.

The 37th session met with New Bethel Thursday, Sept. 22nd and days following 1887, and after the sermon by Dr. J. D. Hufham from Rom. 5:9, the body elected Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore to their former positions in the body. State mission pledges amounted to \$249 and \$47 for education. Woman's missions, for some unexpressed reason, was stricken from the order of business and church letters. A collection for the Orphanage was taken amounting to \$223.75. Drs. C. Durham and Hufham preached missionary sermon on Sunday, the



collection amounting to \$42.28. The session adjourned with 40 churches in union and 6242 members, having added by letter and baptism during past year 548. Total amount paid out for religious purposes for past year \$4861.84.

The 38th session met with High Shoals, Sept. 20th, 1888, and after the sermon by Rev. J. M. McManaway, from Matt. 5:13 the body again elected Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore to their former positions. At this session Henrietta and Carpenter's Grove joined. This is first mention appointment of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. Thomas Dixon being appointed a delegate. Collections for Orphanage, \$103.15, for State Missions \$33.85. Rev. C. Durham preached on the Sabbath and took up collection of \$14.54. The union now has 42 churches, with 6386 members, having added by letter and baptism during last year 512, with total contributions \$5434.17.

The 39th session convened with Elizabethtown on Sept. 19th 1889, and after the sermon by Rev. G. P. Hamrick from 1st Sam. 17:49, the old officers, Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore were again elected. Rev. G. M. Webb was elected a delegate to the S. Baptist Convention. The churches pledged \$701.63 for the support of Rev. G. P. Bostic, then a missionary in China. Collections for Baptist Orphanage \$82.87, for Associational missions \$27.75, with total contributions for past year \$8180.42. Church pledges for State missions \$192 and for Education \$151.31. The body resolved that it was wrong to sell fruit or corn to a distiller. Also the body passed a strong resolution in favor of speedy and entire prohibition for the country. After the missionary sermon on Sunday by Dr. Nelson a collection of \$41.75 was taken. There are still 42 churches in union, with 6398 members, having added 504 by letter and baptism during the past year. There are at this time 2496 Sunday School scholars and 319 officers.

The 40th session met with Zion on Sept. 25th 1890, and days following, and after the sermon by Rev. J. A. Speight, whose text I have been unable to ascertain, the body re-elected Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore to their old positions, after which the King's Mountain church joined. The mother association had now grown so large, having 43 churches with 6783 members—the largest number ever belonging to the body—that it was

thought wise for some of the churches to withdraw and form a new association, and accordingly the following churches asked for and received letters of dismission: Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Fair View, Henrietta, High Shoals, Mt. Olivet, Concord, Sandy Run, Union. It will be noted that Bethel, Mt. Pleasant and Sandy Run were at the organization of this association and members of the body, and hence their withdrawal now must have given them some pain, as like parting from old and tried friends and a body which had been to these three churches a mother. Big Sprig, Walls, and Mt. Harmony were also granted letters of dismission. This meeting pledged for State missions, \$154, foreign missions, \$570.50, and home missions \$126, and for education \$97.50 and gave \$10.40 in cash to the Orphanage. Rev. G. P. Hamrick was appointed delegate to State Baptist Convention. The custom of having union meetings was dispensed with. The next meeting of the body will be on Tuesday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. After the sermon at the stand by Rev. C. Durham collection of \$30.54 was taken. The association at this meeting had the largest number of churches and members ever yet belonging to her, having baptized during past year 507 and received by letter 315, making total additions from these two sources 822, the largest number of additions yet known. Total contributions for past year \$10195.47.

The 41st session met with Waco church on Tuesday Sept. 22, 1891, and after the sermon by Rev. F. C. Hickson from Luke 13:24, the body re-elected the old and faithful officers Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore. The time of holding the association was changed from Tuesday, as at this session, to the old time, Thursday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. Collection for orphanage \$87.06, and pledges as follows: State Missions \$192, Colportage \$96.50, Foreign Missions \$648.10, Home and Indian Missions \$124.50. Buffalo was granted a letter of dismission. The churches are advised to withdraw fellowship from all persons engaged in store-keeping and guaging, or aiding in any way in buying or selling intoxicating liquors. Pledges for ministerial education amounted to \$118. Maj. Schenck was appointed delegate to S. Bap. Con. The association now has only 31 churches in union with 4851 members, having baptized during past year 283, received by letter 197, total contributions for past year being \$5964.50.



The 42nd session met with Gastonia church Thursday, Sept. 22, and days following, 1892, and after the sermon by Rev. G. P. Hamrick from Matt. 7:12, the old officers were again elected by acclamation, Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore, moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively. Lattimore church joined the body at this meeting. The collection for orphanage amounted to \$75.72. The churches pledged \$95.35 for Home and Indian Missions, \$147.74 for Ministerial Education \$279 for Foreign Missions and \$140.50 for State Missions. The committee on Ministerial Relief was first appointed at this session. T. D. Lattimore was appointed delegate to the S. Bap. Con. There are yet 31 churches in union, with 4627 members, having added during past year 398 by letter and baptism, and having contributed to various religious objects during past year \$7479.05.

The 43rd session met with Boiling Springs on Sept. 21st and days following 1893, and after the sermon by Rev. J. L. Sproles from John 17:17 and 19, the election of Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore was elected by acclamation, as moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively. Dallas and Gastonia were granted letters of dismission to join South Fork Association. Rev. J. L. Sproles was appointed delegate to S. Bap. Con. Collection for Orphanage amounted to \$73.70. Rev. R. T. Bryan preached Sunday and collected \$19.57 for State Missions. Pledges as follows: For Missions \$2.54, State \$135.11, Home and Indian \$95.50, Education \$114.50. The union still has 31 churches inspite of withdrawals, with 4808 members, having baptized 229, and received by letter 183 during past year, and contributed \$6083.70.

Shelby church greeted the 44th session on Thursday Sept. 20th and days following, 1894. The order of things was somewhat changed here, the introductory sermon being preached by Rev. A. C. Irvin on Thursday night—Rom. 1:16—instead of Thursday morning. The old officers were re-elected by acclamation. Cherryville, with whom we now meet, joined at this session. Long Creek and Zion Hill dismissed by request. Rev. T. Dixon was appointed delegate to S. Bap. Con. \$46.27 was collected for orphanage and \$19 for Charity and Children. Rev. J. L. McCurry was present at this session and took an active part in the work and lectured Friday night on education. Sunday collection for State Missions after ser-

mon by Rev. C. Durham amounted to \$22.70. For Missions and education \$637.66 was pledged by the churches. The body is now composed of 30 churches with 4956 members, having baptized 398 and received by letter 172 during past year, with total contributions of \$5930.78.

Twenty-nine churches with a membership of 4825, met in their 45th session at Bethlehem, Sept. 19th and days following 1895, and after the sermon by Dr. J. D. Hufham from 2nd Cor. 8:9, the association again elected old officers, Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore. Rev. T. Dixon was again appointed delegate to the S. Baptist Convention. Cash collection for orphanage amounted to \$52.10. Church pledges for missions and education amounted to \$601.60. Casar church joins the body at this time. A strong resolution was passed favoring the removal of the bar-rooms from Shelby. \$6.75 was collected on Sunday for education. Additions for past year 414, contributions \$4593.27.

With the regularity of the coming and passing years this great body of christian workers has been meeting with the various churches in its union, and hence we find them again meeting at the regular time with the Lattimore church, on Thursday, Sept. 24th and days following 1896, and after the sermon by Rev. G. P. Hamrick, from 1st Cor. 3:8, the association again elected Messrs. Schenck, Lovelace and Lattimore to their old offices. The body has never ceased to grow as the years come and go, and so at this session Patterson Station and Webb's Chapel joins, making a total of 31 churches with 5053 members in union, having baptized 277 and received by letter 205 during the past year. The following am'ts were pledged by the churches for the following objects: State Missions \$218.34; Baptist Orphanage \$101.94; Education \$59; Home and Indian Missions \$101.50; Foreign Missions \$159.50; Ministerial Relief \$19.50. The subject of Gospel Missions, which made its appearance in the session held with Bethlehem, again came promptly before this session upon the discussion of the report on Foreign Missions. Many of the older brethren of the body thought they saw in this new mission move the prospect of disrupting and tearing down of the great method of sending the gospel through the Foreign Mission Board, and hence very decidedly opposed the innovation; but finally after much discussion and prayer, the good sense of the body settled the matter, and the



subject of Gospel Missions has not bothered or agitated a session since this meeting at Lattimore. Churches are allowed to send whatever contributions they may care to send direct to the gospel missionaries, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention still flourishes and continues to send many missionaries to the foreign fields to enlighten and teach the heathen the true Gospel of Christ. Maj. H. F. Schenck was again elected delegate to the S. Baptist Convention. On Sunday Revs. G. P. Bostic and T. Dixon preached at the stand and in the house respective, and a collection after the sermons was taken amounting to \$14.11. The contribution for the past year amounted to \$6183.30.

New Hope entertained the 47th session, beginning Thursday, Sept. 23rd and days following 1897. After the sermon by Rev. A. C. Irvin, from 2nd Cor. 6:1, the association was ready to re-elect the same officers who had served so faithfully in the past, but Maj. H. F. Schenck, the elegant, efficient, courteous, courtly and christian moderator, having served the body for thirteen consecutive years, being the second laymen ever elected moderator, resigned, much to the regret of the body, whereupon E. Y. Webb was elected moderator, D. S. Lovelace, clerk and T. D. Lattimore, treasurer. The body continues to grow and Oak Grove joined at this session, making 32 churches now in union with 5168 members, having received during past year by letter and baptism 478. The churches pledged for education \$56; Home and Indian Missions \$113; Ministerial Relief \$37; Foreign Missions \$158; Oak Grove church \$16. Pledged and gave in cash for State Missions \$215, and gave cash for Orphanage \$17.55. Rev. O. L. Stringfield, representing the Baptist Female University was present at this session, and he and Rev. J. E. White preached on Sunday to great crowds of interested listeners, and took collection of \$27.12 for State missions. Rev. T. Dixon was appointed delegate to S. Baptist Convention. Rev. G. M. Webb was appointed a member of the State Board of Missions. Total contributions for the past year amounted to \$7394. Value of church property \$26010. The association now has in its bounds a Sunday school for nearly every church with 2346 scholars.

On Sept. 22 and days following, 1898, the association met in its 48th session with Sandy Plains church,

and after the sermon by Rev. T. Dixon from John 14:16, E. Y. Webb was elected moderator and D. S. Lovelace was elected clerk. T. D. Lattimore the faithful and efficient treasurer who had served the body so long now asked to be relieved, and J. F. Williams was elected treasurer. The steady growth of the body continues, and this time Poplar Springs, a new constitution joins. Rev. T. Dixon was appointed delegate to the S. Bap. Con. The body pledged and gave in cash \$66.78 for education, and the churches pledged \$140.50 for Home and Indian Missions, for Bap. Orphanage \$88.45, for State Missions \$224.50. To aid Poplar Springs church \$31. For Foreign Missions \$174, and for Ministerial Relief \$26.04. Leonard's Fork was dismissed by her request. Revs. O. L. Stringfield and J. E. White again preached to large congregations on Sunday after which a collection was taken for State Missions amounting to \$20.41. At this meeting there were 33 churches in union with a membership of 5278, having baptized 260 during past year and received by letter 141, with 2371 Sunday School scholars. Total contributions for past year by the churches for all purposes amount to \$5228.58.

New Prospect next entertained the body in its 49th session on Thursday Sept. 21, 1899. After the sermon by Rev. G. M. Webb from Isaiah 43:10, Messrs. E. Y. Webb, D. S. Lovelace and J. F. Williams, were elected moderator, clerk and treasurer, respectively. The body continues to grow by receiving at this session Lawndale and Double Shoals, two newly constituted churches, making 33 churches now in union with 5422 members, having baptized 272 and received by letter 176 during past year, with total contributions amounting to \$6324.04. Rev. T. Dixon was again elected delegate to the S. Baptist Convention. The churches pledged as follows:—For State Missions \$305.25; Ministerial Relief \$37.25; Orphanage, \$123.90; Foreign Missions, \$222.25; Education, \$80.75; Home and Indian Missions, \$157.75; besides cash to the Orphanage of \$20.24; and a collection for State Missions after the sermon on Sunday by Rev. J. E. White of \$45.

The scenes where this great body of christian workers was organized after 49 years, again greet the Association on Thursday Sept. 20th, and days following, 1900, and Double Springs again welcomes and entertains the body in its 50th session. After the sermon by Rev. R.



L. Limrick from Joshua 23:11, E. Y. Webb was elected moderator, D. S. Lovelace, clerk, and T. K. Barnett treasurer, J. F. Williams having resigned. This being the 50th session and 49th year of the association, a resolution was introduced resolving that a committee of three be appointed to arrange for the celebration of the Semi-Centennial of this body, and that the churches of the association be urged to increase their contributions to all objects, and in this observe our 50th year. After the adoption of this resolution Rev. R. F. Tredway, C. S. Cashwell and B. M. Bridges were appointed a committee for the celebration of the semi-centennial. The committee recommended in their report that an extra day be added to the next session, and that the body meet on Wednesday for semi-centennial exercises, and that a committee on program be appointed to prepare and publish the program, and also requesting that the churches which went from us to the Sandy Run Association and to other Associations be requested to send one delegate to the semi-centennial.

The following brethren compose the semi-centennial program committee: Rev. R. F. Tredway D. F. Putnam, C. S. Cashwell, B. M. Bridges, A. E. Bettis, C. C. Roberts, D. G. Mauney, J. E. Blanton and Gordon Washburn. Pledges for Education \$48.50; Home and Indian Missions \$171; State Missions \$381.27; Orphanage \$157.02; Foreign Missions \$253; Ministerial Relief \$39.90. Rev. R. F. Tredway was appointed delegate to the S. Baptist Convention. Rev. J. E. White preached on Sunday, after which a collection of \$56.05 was taken, this being the largest similar collection for State Missions on record. The first session of the body had only 34 delegates at this same church, and now 49 years after the association has 34 churches in union with 5491 members, having baptized 216 and received by letter 171 during past year, with total collections amounting to \$6926.25. The value of the church property now in the association is \$28050. There are at this session 22 ordained ministers in the association and 17 licentiates. Every church in the association save two has a Sunday school with 2569 members, whose contributions during past year were \$528.34.

Total amount contributed for State Missions	\$3844 51
“ “ “ “ Foreign “	5452.65
“ “ “ “ Home & In. “	2093.69
“ “ “ “ Associational	379.60
Total for Missions	\$11,770.45
Total for other purposes	17,972.11
Education	1,974 29
For Minutes	2,052.18
Orphanage	1,240.29
Ministerial Education	159.95
S. S. Board	3.03
Grand Total	\$35,172.30

Largest number added to the various churches in any one year was during the year '89-'90, there being 507 additions by baptism and 315 by letter, making total addition for that year 822. During the history of the association 23000 souls have been members of the body, almost as many members as Cleveland county has population, both black and white, men, women, boys, girls and infants. The largest number which the association has had at any one time was in 1890 when there were 6783 members. Ninety-five different ordained ministers have supplied churches within the association during its history. Sixty-four churches have belonged to the body, representing two States and eight counties.

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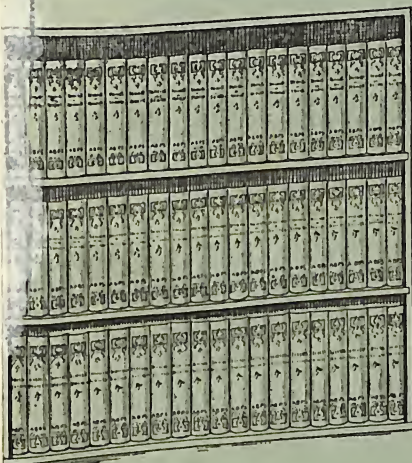


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